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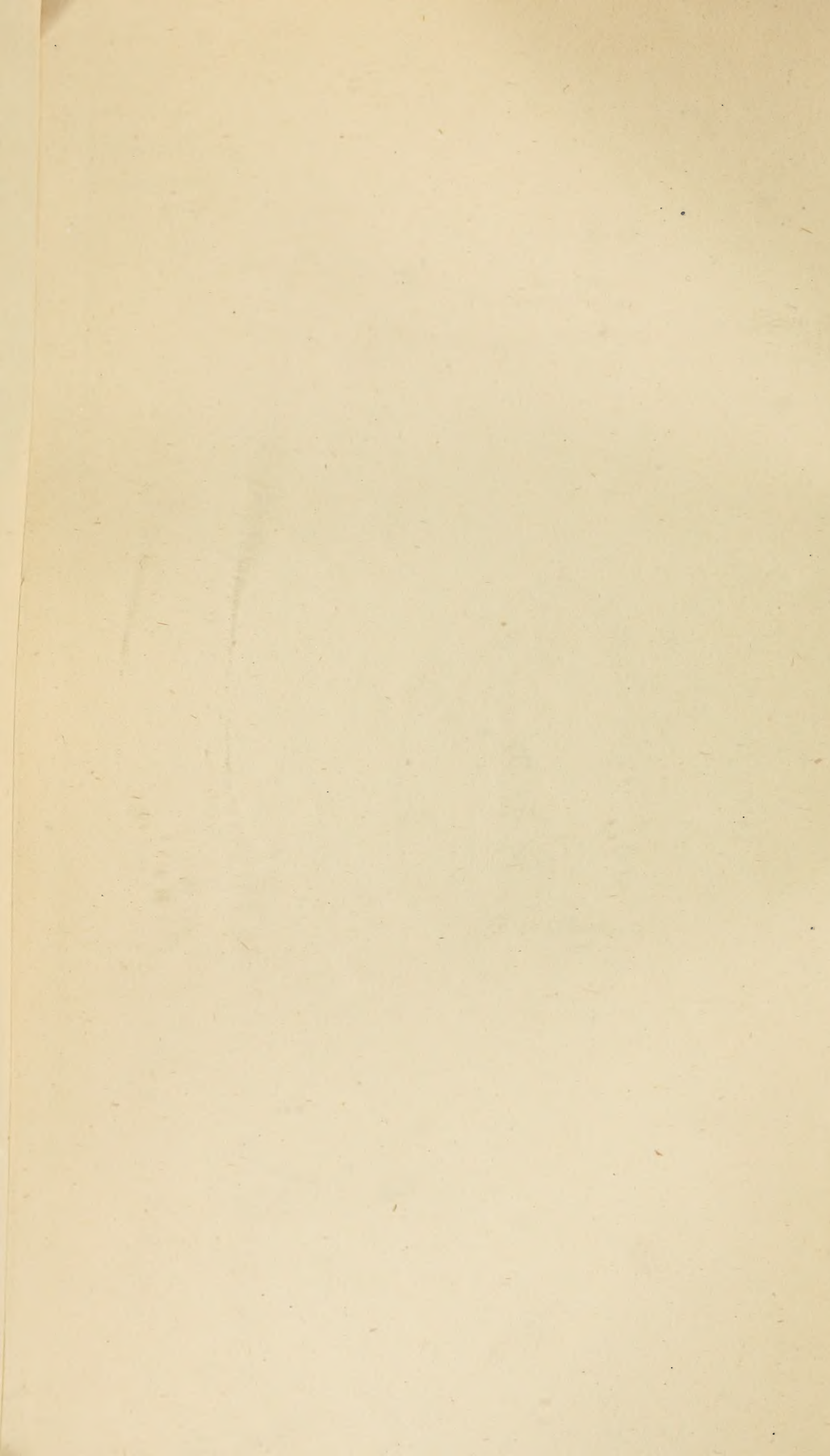
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PREFACE

This book contains the record of the institutions performed in the archdeaconry of Lincoln by Oliver Sutton, Bishop of Lincoln, from 1280 to 1299. In subsequent volumes I hope to publish the rest of his institutions and the memoranda dealing with his administration of the see, together with some account of his life. A brief description of the manuscripts from which this material is drawn will be found in the introduction to this volume.

In the thirteenth century England produced many bishops who were distinguished alike by goodness and wisdom. The time provided a searching test of such qualities, for it was a period when the church was undergoing great difficulties. On the continent of Europe heresy was deeply entrenched, and although there is no evidence that the English, as a whole, deviated from the Catholic faith, yet there was in this country, behind a superficial orthodoxy, a good deal of unthinking paganism and superstition. Moreover, although few people would have questioned the supremacy of the pope in matters of doctrine or canon law, a great many objected to his financial exactions. Times were hard, and conduct was often brutal and violent. Sutton's register describes incidents in the course of which clerks were maltreated and sometimes killed, rights of sanctuary violated and churches desecrated by bloodshed. There is no reason to think that in such offences as these the diocese of Lincoln had an especially bad record. In the thirteenth century the church was not a secure and triumphant institution—she was, as she has always been, the Church Militant.

Against such a background as this we can see how valuable was the work of the English bishops in the thirteenth century. It was not only the saint and the scholar to whom the church looked for leadership and defence. There was need also for the administrator, the legal expert, the man endowed with a capacity for working hard and applying common sense to the ordinary problems of diocesan life. Sutton was not a saint, and as a scholar he appears to have been competent rather than distinguished. He was, however, a thoroughly good man, a trained canonist who was determined to uphold the law, and an administrator at once efficient and humane. For nearly twenty years he devoted himself almost completely to his diocese, ruling it with unending patience and a determined sense of justice. As one can see from the records of his episcopate, written by his friend and registrar John de Scalby, he stood for much that was best in the traditions of church government. "Give him of the fruit of his hands, and let his own works praise him in the gates."¹

¹ Prov. xxxi, 31.

I should like to express my gratitude to the successive Bishops of Lincoln who since 1936 have allowed me to use the manuscripts relating to Sutton's episcopate, and who have given such generous encouragement to those who work among the records of their diocese. Among the many people whose help has been given to me I should like especially to thank Professor Sir Maurice Powicke, who first suggested that I should research into this subject, Miss Kathleen Major, without whose constant help and unfailing kindness this book could never have been produced, and Professor Sir Frank Stenton, for his kindness in helping me with matters connected with place-names. I am most grateful also to the Diocesan Archivist of Lincoln, Mrs. Varley, who has given up much of her free time in allowing me to spend extra hours among the records, and to my past and present colleagues at Westfield, especially the Reverend Professor Norman Sykes and Dr. Eveline Martin, for their encouragement and forbearance. I should also like to thank the printers for the patience with which they deciphered my handwriting. Finally, I should like to acknowledge a debt which I can never repay to my father, Norman Hill, who first set my feet upon the paths of historical research.

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ABBREVIATIONS AND NOTES

ABBREVIATIONS

A. and C.	Abbot and Convent
ch.	Chaplain
d. ..	..	Deacon
D. and C. ..	..	Dean and chapter
Inst. ..	..	Instituted
p. ..	..	Presented
P. and C. ..	..	Prior and convent
pr. ..	..	Priest
R. ..	..	Rectory
rep. ..	..	Re-presented
res. ..	..	Resignation
subd. ..	..	Subdeacon
V. ..	..	Vicarage

NOTES

For the sake of clarity, some explanations of the method used in transcribing the text are necessary.

The normal entry recording the institution of a rector or vicar appears in the MSS. in some such form as follows (there are occasional slight variations in the wording):—

Rector (1) “ KIRKEBY. Willelmus Blundus de Lincoln’ subdiaconus presentatus per Henricum Smerhorn’ ad ecclesiam de Kyrkeby vacantem per hoc quod Johannes Colet ultimus rector ejusdem a tempore institutionis sue infra annum se non fecit ordinari , facta prius inquisitione per W. Archidiaconum Lincoln’ per quam acceptum est , etc.¹ ; ad dictam ecclesiam est admissus per Officialem Lincoln’ sede vacante . Item XVI Kalendas Julii anno primo apud Novum Locum Stanford’ fuit idem W. canonice institutus in eadem . Jurataque domino episcopo canonica obediencia in forma consueta , scriptum fuit dicto Archidiacono quod ipsum , etc.”²

Vicar (2) “ ABURG’. Simon de Cava capellanus presentatus per Abbatem et conventum de Neuhus’ ad vicariam ecclesie de Aburg’ vacantem per mortem Ricardi ultimi vicarii ejusdem ,

¹ The findings of the inquiry are not given in full, but if the presentation were accepted, it was implied that the archdeacon had found that the church was vacant, that the person claiming the right to present was in fact the true patron, and that the candidate was a suitable person.

² I.e., that he would induct the new rector.

facta prius inquisitione per W. Archidiaconum Lincoln' per quam acceptum est , etc. , ad dictam vicariam est admissus IIII Idus Julii anno primo apud Grimesby et cum onere personaliter ministrandi vicarius perpetuus institutus . Jurataque domino episcopo canonica obediencia necnon et personali residencia¹ , scriptum fuit dicto Archidiacono quod ipsum , etc."

Such entries have been calendared in an abbreviated form as follows :—

- (1) "EAST KIRKBY (Kirkeby). R. William Blund (Blundus) of Lincoln (Lincoln') subd., p. by Henry Smerhorn (Smerhorn') to the church of East Kirkby vacant because John Colet had failed to be ordained pr. within a year of his institution. Inst.: (after admission by the official of Lincoln *sede vacante*) at Newstead by Stamford, June 16, 1280."
- (2) "HABROUGH (Aburg'). V. Simon Cave (Cava) ch., p. by the A. and C. of Newhouse to the vicarage of Habrough vacant by the death of Richard. Inst. Grimsby, July 12, 1280."

Any unusual entry, such as a disputed presentation, a licence for the appropriation of a church, or an election in a religious house, has been transcribed in full and preceded by a short summary in English.

In such words as 'gracia', 'reconciliatio' and others where the spelling varies between 'c' and 't', I have adopted a compromise based on the modern English words derived from the Latin sources. Where the commonest of these words use 'c' (e.g., 'grace' from 'gracia') I have used 'c' in the Latin; where the commonest English derivative uses 't' (e.g., 'reconciliation' from 'reconciliatio') I have used 't'. Such a practice is bound to leave a border-line which is ill-defined. For example, one might write 'vicium', relating the word to 'vice' or 'vitium' relating it to 'vitiare'. I have chosen the latter form, since although the 'vitia' of monastic electors frequently spoiled the elections, they were rarely serious enough to be called vices. The letters 'j' and 'v' have been transcribed in their ordinary form, and not as 'i' and 'u'.

Christian names have been given in the ordinary modern form, except where no modern equivalent seems to exist. A lady named 'Bibles', for example, defeated me as completely as she appears to have defeated John de Scalby.² Surnames have been given both in the original Latin and the modern English (or French) form, except where these happen to be identical. The names of the places to which institutions were made have been given in both

¹ A vicar, unlike a rector, was bound to be resident.

² Folio 257.

the thirteenth century and the modern form. The names of the places where institution took place and of the religious houses which acted as patrons have been given in the modern form, except where there seemed to be some particular reason for indicating the thirteenth-century one as well. When the name of a place or person could not be identified, the original form has been given, in the hope that some better scholar may be able to correct my omission. Variants in the spelling of names have been collected together in the index.

The dates have been given in the ordinary modern form, allowing for the practice of starting the new year on March 25 instead of on January 1. Thus an entry dated by Scalby January 1, 1281, appears in these volumes with the date January 1, 1282.



INTRODUCTION

THE MANUSCRIPTS OF THE ROLLS AND REGISTER OF
BISHOP OLIVER SUTTON

The manuscripts recording the official work of Oliver Sutton as bishop of Lincoln are preserved in the Diocesan Record Office, a little way from the great western door of the cathedral where Bishop Sutton was enthroned, and in which his body now lies buried. One large and splendid volume, together with six rolls, contain the records compiled by Sutton's able and indefatigable registrar John de Scalby. The original collection of manuscripts must have been much larger, and those which have disappeared include the whole of the memoranda rolls and the institution rolls of the archdeaconries of Oxford, Huntingdon and Buckingham. The institution roll of the archdeaconry of Leicester has been seriously mutilated.

This book contains only the institutions relating to one archdeaconry, that of Lincoln. Since, however, it is the first volume of a series dealing with the records of Sutton's episcopate, I have thought it proper to give, at this point, a general introduction to the manuscripts as a whole.

ROLLS

For the first ten years of Sutton's episcopate (May 19, 1280, to May 18, 1290) the records were kept in rolls. The memoranda rolls certainly existed, and a separate roll seems to have been kept for each year.¹ No fragment of these rolls has been discovered.

The institution rolls of the archdeaconries of Lincoln, Stow, Northampton and Bedford have survived in their entirety. The roll of the archdeaconry of Leicester has been torn and the fragment which remains covers only the four years 1286-1290. The other institution rolls are lost. There is a small supplementary roll which contains a list of the custodies granted in all parts of the diocese during part of the nineteenth and twentieth years of the episcopate. This roll is interesting because it shows that the registrar did not entirely abandon the use of enrolment after 1290, when he began to keep most of the records in quires.

¹ Among the memoranda preserved in the Register is a reference to a series of entries concerning the University of Oxford "queratur precedens processus diffusus in rotulo memorandorum anni domini octogesimi octavi circa medium rotuli". Register, folio 3.

1. *Archdeaconry of Lincoln*. The roll consists of twenty-one membranes sewn together with strong waxed thread. It is forty-six feet six inches long and ten-and-a-quarter inches wide. The end of the last membrane is worn and abraded, so that the text is in some places illegible, and the sides of the roll are worn in some places. The entries begin on January 19, 1280 (*sede vacante*) and the last legible date is May 13, 1290.

2. *Archdeaconry of Stow*. The roll consists of five membranes sewn together; it is in a good state of preservation. It is nine feet eleven inches long and ten-and-a-half inches wide. The entries begin on May 10, 1280 and end on March 8, 1290.

3. *Archdeaconry of Northampton*. The roll consists of thirteen membranes sewn together, with a small slip of parchment attached to the first membrane. The last membrane and some of the edges are torn. The roll is twenty-nine feet two inches long and ten-and-a-half inches wide. The entries begin on January 5, 1280 (*sede vacante*) and end on April 19, 1290.

4. *Archdeaconry of Bedford*. The roll consists of five membranes sewn together; it is in a fairly good state of preservation but the dorse and part of the last membrane are stained in patches. It is ten feet seven inches long and ten inches wide. The entries begin on April 8, 1280, and end on February 25, 1290.

5. *Archdeaconry of Leicester*. Four membranes remain, sewn together. They are in a good state of preservation, but the whole of the earlier part of the roll, covering the first six years of Sutton's episcopate and part of the seventh, has been torn away. The part of the roll which remains is seven feet eleven inches long and ten-and-a-quarter inches wide. The entries begin on August 14, 1286, and end on May 12, 1290.

6. *Custody roll for the whole diocese*. Three membranes remain, sewn together. They are in a fair state of preservation; the sides are slightly torn and the last membrane is stained. The earlier part of the roll, covering the first eighteen years of Sutton's episcopate, has been torn away. The part of the roll which remains is four feet five inches long and ten inches wide. The entries begin on May 25, 1298, and end on November 5, 1299.

FOLIOS

For the last nine-and-a-half years of the episcopate (May 19, 1290, to November 13, 1299) all the records which have survived, with the exception of the custody roll mentioned above, were kept in quires. About the beginning of the seventeenth century these quires were bound in brown calf. This binding, having become dilapidated, was recently replaced at the direction of the late

Canon Foster,¹ and the volume is now beautifully bound in brown leather. I shall refer to this manuscript as the Register.

The Register contains four hundred and fourteen folios, slightly irregular in size but approximately eight-and-a-half by twelve-and-a-quarter inches. It is written on parchment of medium quality, varying in colour from pale cream to deep buff. There are a good many natural holes. The manuscript is, on the whole, in a good state of preservation. There is a certain amount of staining, probably the result of damp, and the first folio is worn and abraded to such an extent that a few words are illegible. Three folios have been mutilated with a knife. At some time, probably when the quires were first bound, the lower edge of the folios has been trimmed, and this process has removed wholly or in part the numberings of the first five quires. Some folios are missing. They appear to have been lost before the quires were first bound.

ENTRIES IN THE REGISTER

1. Memoranda. Folios 1—208^v

Each folio is numbered in Roman numerals in the top right-hand corner, in Scalby's hand. Since his system of numbering is peculiar and erratic, I have, for the purpose of reference, used the modern numbers pencilled on each folio by the late Canon Foster.

Scalby's numbering runs from I—VIII (1—8) and then from XVII—LXIII (9—56). The number XXIX is used twice on consecutive folios. After LXIII a new system of numbering occurs, from IX—XVI (57—64). The original series begins again at LXVIII and runs to LXXXVI (65—87). There is no folio LXXXVII, but the series is resumed with LXXXVIII and runs to CXXXII (88—132). The numbers then run from CXL to CXLIII (133—136), from CXLV to CXLVII (137—139), from CXLIX to CLXXXX (140—182), from CLXXXXII to CLXXXXIII (183—184), and then from CCI to CCXXVI (185—208). There is no evidence of a break in the continuity of the text except between folios 132^v and 133, and between folios 184^v and 185, where in each case some folios seem to have been lost. Some folios after 208^v have also disappeared.

The folios are arranged in quires, the remaining numbers of which run from VI (on folio 56^v) to XXVII (on folio 208^v). The numbers of the earlier quires have been cut off when the bottoms of the folios were trimmed, but part of the number III remains on folio 28^v and part of number IIII on folio 36^v.

An alternative system of numbering the early folios appears in Scalby's hand at the bottom of the first forty folios. These

¹ See the article on *The Lincoln Episcopal Registers* by C. W. Foster in 'Reports and papers of the Architectural and Archæological Societies of Lincoln and Northampton', Vol. XLI, part II, p. 159.

numbers run consecutively from I to XL, and correspond to numbers 1 to 40 in the modern system.

Folios 18, 19 and 20 are badly mutilated ; in each case a great part of the leaf appears to have been cut away with a knife. Additional notes are put in on slips of parchment bound between the following folios :—29^v–30, 35^v–36, 102^v–103, 106^v–107, 117^v–118, 123^v–124, 158^v–159 and 166^v–167.

This section of the Register contains the memoranda of Sutton's official correspondence between May 19, 1290, and September 10, 1299. All the important letters are given in full, except for the normal abbreviations in such formal sentences as the salutation. Letters which deal with the ordinary routine business of the diocese (such as letters dimissory, commissions for the winding-up of executors' business and dispensations enabling bastards to take holy orders) are given in the form of notes.

2. Institutions. Folios 210–349^v

There is some confusion in the numbering of these folios. Scalby has sometimes scratched out two incorrect numbers (some of them in the hand of a clerk) before finally putting in the right one. The final system is logical and continuous, except for the omission of LXXXXIV.

- (a) Archdeaconry of Lincoln. Folios I (211) to XXXIII (243). The entries begin on May 27, 1290, and end on October 16, 1299.
- (b) Archdeaconry of Stow. Folios XXXVI (246) to XLVIII (254). The entries begin on July 21, 1290, and end on November 10, 1299.
- (c) Archdeaconry of Northampton. Folios XLVI (256) to LXIX (279). The entries begin on May 28, 1290, and end on October 30, 1299.
- (d) Archdeaconry of Leicester. Folios LXX (280) to LXXXI (291^v). The entries begin on May 21, 1290, and end on November 8, 1299.
- (e) Archdeaconry of Huntingdon. Folios LXXXIV (294) to LXXXVIII (303). The entries begin on May 20, 1290, and end on September 20, 1299.
- (f) Archdeaconry of Bedford. Folios LXXXXV (304) to CIIII (313^v). The entries begin on May 27, 1290, and end on August 31, 1299.
- (g) Archdeaconry of Buckingham. Folios CVII (316) to CXXVIII (333). The entries begin on May 26, 1290, and end on November 11, 1299.
- (h) Archdeaconry of Oxford. Folios CXXVI (335) to CXL (349^v). The entries begin on June 4, 1290, and end on November 10, 1299.

The folios which separate these entries are numbered but are otherwise blank.

3. A list of collations of prebends, covering the last ten years of Sutton's episcopate. Folios 353 to 362^v. The folios are numbered (after the deletion of incorrect numbers) in logical sequence, CXLIII to CLIII. The first entry is dated August 18, 1290, and the last October 11, 1299.
4. Arrangements for the establishment of a chantry for Bishop Sutton, with his obit to be done in the cathedral of Lincoln. This entry occurs in the midst of the collations to prebends, on folios 358^v to 359. It is dated June 24, 1295.
5. Dispensations, from the 28 March to 5 October, 1299, covering the whole diocese. Folios 363 to 364 (CLIII to CLV).
6. Commission appointing Nicholas of Whitchurch, canon of Lincoln, to be the official of Lincoln *sede vacante* by the death of Bishop Sutton. This is followed by the institutions for the diocese *sede vacante*. Folios 364^v to 366 (CLV^v to CLVII). The commission is dated December 15, 1299. The first institution took place on December 31, 1299, and the last on March 11, 1300.

An *inspeximus* of a letter of Bishop Sutton follows. It is dated 1302 and written in a hand which shows fourteenth-century characteristics.

7. Ordination lists. Folios 367 to 413^v. There is no attempt to number these pages in Roman numerals. The first entry is dated May 27, 1290, and the last September 19, 1299. There are lists of ordinations on forty separate occasions. Bishop Sutton officiated, in various places, thirty-eight times. At the last two ordinations of his episcopate (Whitsun and September, 1299) John bishop of Llandaff was the ordaining bishop. Sutton in this year was slowly failing in health, and although he still travelled about his diocese and did his usual work, the strain of a prolonged ceremony was probably too much for him.

HANDWRITING

All the rolls and the Register are written in brownish ink in hands which (with one exception to be noted later) are characteristic of the late thirteenth century. The great majority of the entries are in the hand identified by Canon Foster as that of John de Scalby or Schalby, the bishop's registrar.¹ At intervals throughout the episcopate entries are made in two other hands. One is squarer and more upright than that of Scalby, and the writer had a habit

¹ See L.R.S. volume 27, pp. XXVIII-XXXV.

of dividing the upright strokes of such letters as 'B' and 'L' so that they appear to be forked. He was, I think, one of Scalby's senior clerks who travelled round the diocese with him. I have called him 'B'. A few entries are made by a second clerk, 'C', whose hand is marked by a distinct exaggeration of the long letters. Some other entries are made in hands which vary slightly from Scalby's normal writing. These appear often to be the result of a new pen, or of coldness or fatigue on the part of the registrar. I cannot, however, be certain that all of them are his. Some may be the work of clerks who imitated his hand closely.

A later hand, showing early fourteenth century characteristics, has added a few marginal notes such as the words "ordinatio vicarie". This hand (or one very like it) appears in an entry at the end of the Stow institutions (folio 254), and in one at the end of the *sede vacante* institutions (folio 366). The latter entry is dated 1302. The ink used by this writer is blacker than that used by Scalby and his clerks.

Marginalia. A wide margin was kept at the left-hand side of the rolls and on the outer side (i.e., right on the folio, left on the verso) of each folio in the Register. In this margin the appropriate heading for each entry was written. Scalby normally wrote the headings himself, even when his clerks wrote the text of the entry. 'B', however, was sometimes allowed to write his own headings.

Drawings occur at intervals throughout the manuscripts. Judging by examples such as that on folio 223, where the drawing is associated with a note in Scalby's hand, I think that it was he who made them. The lines are clear and firm, and the artist evidently had a considerable sense of humour. His favourite subjects are men's faces (either full-face or in profile), hands, croziers and scroll-like ornaments filling in the space at the bottom of a folio. Some of the faces appear to be caricatures of real people. The drawings appear sometimes to have been used, especially in the memoranda, to help the registrar to refer quickly from one section of the manuscript to another. This subject will be discussed more fully in the first volume of transcripts from the memoranda.

The records were carefully cross-referenced. In the rolls the reference is given as 'supra', 'infra' or 'in dorso'. A marginal sign is sometimes given. Wrong entries are cancelled with the legend 'vacat hic quia in archidiaconatu X'. In the Register the reference is given by quire and folio. There are references to the earlier registers of the see, and to other manuscripts which are not now extant. Some of these, such as letters and charters, seem to have been kept by the registrar in various boxes and bags.¹

¹ See p. 37.

THE INSTITUTIONS OF BISHOP OLIVER SUTTON IN THE ARCHDEACONRY OF LINCOLN

Oliver Sutton held the bishopric of Lincoln from May 19, 1280, until his death on November 13, 1299. During this period he performed, in the archdeaconry of Lincoln alone, more than seven hundred institutions to parish churches, chantries and the headship of religious houses. The records of these institutions, transcribed or abridged from the original MSS. kept by Sutton's registrar, are contained in this volume.

The records of institutions in a single archdeaconry can serve to illustrate only one side of the work of a thirteenth-century bishop, and Sutton was a man of wide interests and manifold activities which cannot be discussed in this introduction. Institutions were normally a matter of routine, and even when the circumstances were abnormal, as in the case of a disputed presentation to a living or an irregularly conducted election to a religious house, the record was usually preserved in formal and traditional words. Yet it is possible to discover much about Sutton from these MSS., and a close examination of them dispels their superficial appearance of aridity.

Sutton was a man of unusual vigour both of body and mind. He was travelling round his diocese, doing his ordinary work, until a fortnight before he died, "in magna senectute et bene constitutus",¹ and there is no indication that age had impaired the clarity of his mind or weakened the strength of his judgment. The formality of his records was, in fact, a measure of Sutton's intense determination to uphold at every point the authority of canon law and the rights of the see of Lincoln. In 1298 he declared to the canons of Sempringham, who had come before him bringing the newly-elected master of their order so that he might receive the bishop's confirmation and blessing, that "if he had, in this matter, omitted anything which ought to pertain to his office and episcopal dignity, or if he had in any way done less than he should, he was unwilling that this should be brought up or used in future to create any manner of precedent or prejudice."² He was meticulous in his use of the official records of his see, which he caused to be examined whenever any doubt arose about a presentation. Careless patrons, especially abbots who in presenting priors to subordinate houses trespassed upon the bishop's proper field of action, were sharply checked and made to rewrite their letters in a more proper form. Sutton's own legal training³ had done much to imprint upon his mind the importance of the established rights and authority of bishops, and he was never off his guard

¹ John de Schalby *Lives of the Bishops of Lincoln* (Giraldi Cambrensis Opera, ed. in the Rolls Series, Vol. VII, p. 211).

² See p. 232.

³ John de Schalby *op. cit.* p. 208.

against possible encroachment. He was, however, a just man, and when right was satisfied he could be generous. These characteristics are clearly shown in a dispute which arose over the priory of Wilsford in 1290.¹ In writing to the abbot of Bec, who had sent an extremely irregular letter of presentation in which he said that he had already committed the care and administration of Wilsford to his prior-elect, Sutton used words which were direct, not to say insulting:—"To the abbot of Bec, greeting, and the hope that, for the love of justice, he may care for the rights of others as he does for his own." Before he indicated the correct formula which the abbot ought to have used, Sutton continued his letter thus:—"God knows that we do not write these things to you in the arrogance of presumption, but in order that by this example you may know how easily and quickly you may bar the way to complaints." When the abbot swallowed his pride and sent back a proper letter of presentation, Sutton at once accepted it and instituted the new prior.²

The same mixture of firmness and generosity is shown in Sutton's dealings with the question of "intrusion". It sometimes happened that a person delegated by the abbot of a mother-house to take charge of one of the subordinate priories would begin to exercise his functions before he had been properly instituted by the bishop. This occurred at Belvoir priory in 1295, when the intruding candidate was a monk of S. Alban's named Peter of Maidford.³ Sutton complained that "it had come to his ears that the said brother Peter, usurping the name of prior in the said priory, had presumed to minister there boldly, not without the scandal of intrusion, to the prejudice of episcopal jurisdiction and the rights of the church of Lincoln", and he demanded an explanation. When, however, Peter submitted "purely, simply and humbly, promising that he would obey the bishop in all things relating to this matter" he was immediately pardoned and instituted. Sutton was a disciplinarian, but he did not bear malice.

The majority of the institution records deal with the appointment of parochial clergy. It is clear that in the archdeaconry of Lincoln at this time all but a very few of these men were of English birth, and that the majority of them took their names from places in Lincolnshire and the adjoining counties. A substantial number were Masters of Arts. Institution was always preceded by an inquiry into the candidate's learning and morals, and the records suggest that the general standard of both among parish clergy was at least adequate. Only one man was deprived of his living for misbehaviour,⁴ although occasionally an incumbent would resign a living because his conscience was uneasy over some unspecified fault. Parish clergy who did not obey the decree of

¹ See pp. 141 *seq.*

² See pp. 149-150.

³ See pp. 203-205.

⁴ See p. 105.

the Second Council of Lyons and take priest's orders within a year of their institution were automatically deprived of their churches, but were normally re-instituted if the patrons would consent to re-present them. One unfortunate man was removed from the care of a chantry because "he had been continuously out of his mind for the space of five years".¹ It is only fair to Sutton to add that in this case there was no question of cure of souls.

Disputes among patrons about the right of presentation occurred frequently, and, unless the parties were willing to compromise, these disputes were settled in the royal courts. This method of settlement seems to have been accepted without question both by the litigants and by the bishop, so it is clear that the assize of darrein presentment had by this time become a commonplace of English law. Private agreement, to judge by the recorded instances, was rarer than legal judgment, but it is probable that disputes were often settled informally before the matter came before the bishop. One document, interesting because it is the only entry written in French, contains a grant of the right of presentation, for one turn only, to the living of Fulbeck. It was made by John earl of Richmond in favour of the Queen-mother, Eleanor of Provence.²

Papal provisions to churches in the diocese of Lincoln at this time were extremely rare, and there is no evidence that they caused ill-feeling. Incumbents were provided to the churches of Market Deeping³ and Aswardby⁴. There is evidence that before 1291 Market Deeping had been held by an Italian, and that the rector of Aswardby who died in 1294 was a cardinal, while his successor, Gilbert of Legbourne, whose name is undoubtedly English, was instituted by proxy and died at Rome three years later. These institutions form an extremely small proportion of the total number. There is no evidence to support any generalisations about the extensive use of papal provision in England, or about any large influx of foreign clerics in English benefices.

Licensed pluralism was also rare. It was obviously considered perfectly respectable, since Philip of Willoughby, who became dean of Lincoln in 1288, had an indulgence from Honorius IV which allowed him to hold in plurality with his deanery the living of Cliffe in the diocese of Rochester.⁵ Those who received permission to hold in plurality were usually said to have deserved this favour by some such especial merit as the "pre-eminence in learning and virtue" which distinguished Master John of Creacombe, archdeacon of the East Riding of Yorkshire, who had a dispensation to hold the churches of Burton-on-Trent and Goxhill together with his archdeaconry.⁶ When more than one of a pluralist's

¹ See p. 222.

⁴ See pp. 225-226.

² See pp. 36-37.

⁶ See pp. 108 *seq.*

³ See pp. 157-158.

⁶ See pp. 105 *seq.*

livings had cure of souls, provision was made that each church should be properly served.

A number of churches in the archdeaconry of Lincoln had already been appropriated to religious houses, and more appropriations were made during Sutton's episcopate, usually on the plea of poverty. The licence to appropriate the church of Corby, granted in 1284 to the nuns of S. Michael's priory outside Stamford, describes these ladies as living in "great poverty which almost falls into miserable need".¹ Such appropriated churches were, in accordance with the decree of the Fourth Lateran Council, served by vicars who received a proportion of the revenue, usually equal to one-third, and sometimes also free meals from the kitchen of the monastic house. There was obviously a danger that the poverty or greed of the appropriators might cause the vicar to suffer, and that he would receive less than the regular income of five marks a year which had been fixed as a minimum at the Council of Oxford in 1222. When a vicarage was created, Sutton was careful to guard against this danger by causing an exact inventory of the vicar's dues to be drawn up and entered in the institution records. If the income seemed to be unreasonably small, it was augmented. When, in 1286, the Templars appropriated the church of Donington near Spalding on a plea of poverty due to the "immense expenses which the enemies of the cross have brought upon this order",² (a plea which the financial position of the Templars would hardly seem to have justified) Sutton carefully upheld the vicar's rights. The Templars were to take the tithes of corn, hay, lambs' wool and salt. The vicar, for his part, was to take the tithes of cows, calves, foals, pigs, geese, chickens, cheese and butter, flax and hemp, and he was to receive tithes from millers, brewers, merchants, fishers and fowlers, together with all offerings and mortuary dues. He was to be provided with a house, decently built in a suitable and honourable position, and with an annual payment of twenty shillings from the Preceptor of Temple Bruer, paid at Michaelmas. Moreover, the Templars were to be responsible for the upkeep of the chancel and for any extraordinary charges which might fall upon the church.³

The provision of free meals for vicars, where the vicarage adjoined a religious house, must often have been convenient. At Stixwold the vicar received each week from the nunnery "fourteen convent loaves and fourteen gallons of beer,"⁴ and seven loaves which are called 'prikkede laves' as food for his servant".⁵ At West Ravendale, however, the food which the priory provided caused the vicar to complain bitterly that a diet suitable to a religious

¹ See pp. 54-55.

² See p. 79.

³ See pp. 75-78.

⁴ "*percipiet singulis septimanis quatuordecim lagenas cervisie*". This seems a good deal, even assuming that the vicar's servant drank some of it.

⁵ See p. 54.

house was not enough to sustain a parish priest. His meals came, he said, "from the table of the aforesaid prior where there is perpetual abstinence from meat", and moreover he only received one mark a year, which could not be considered a decent living wage. The prior of Ravendale, on being questioned, retorted that the vicar was given meat on all suitable occasions, and that he was also wont to receive each year from the priory garments and shoes and other things to the value of at least half a mark. The dispute seems to have been settled amicably.¹

Two cases of appropriation are especially interesting because of the information which they give about Sutton's care for the upkeep of his cathedral. In 1289 he issued a licence for the appropriation of the church of Ashby, later called Ashby Puerorum. The revenues of this church were to be used to make provision for the boys of the cathedral choir, who were "planted as little fruit trees for the honour of God and the adornment of our said church by Richard our predecessor of blessed memory, or who may be so planted hereafter".² In 1297, when the church of S. Bartholomew, lying west of the castle of Lincoln, fell vacant, Sutton allowed the dean and chapter to appropriate it and to use the churchyard as a burial ground. Up to this time, burials had taken place around the cathedral. This, the bishop rightly thought, was undesirable, partly because the public street was close at hand and people were tempted to walk about in the graveyard, and partly because the burial of bodies so near to the houses of the canons might lead to discomfort or illness among them.³

A few entries deal with chantries where there was no cure of souls. Chantry priests were presented and instituted in the same way as parochial clergy, and their duties were carefully defined. When a chantry was set up, the founder often made his grant more secure by asking the bishop to inspect and confirm the foundation charters, and to enrol them among his official records. (Two entries among the Northampton records, relating to Titchmarsh and Easton-on-the-Hill, make it clear that the enrolment was made at the desire of the founder rather than at that of the bishop.)⁴ In 1289 a priest was instituted to the chantry at Wellingore, and Sutton confirmed and caused to be recorded the charter by which William son of Robert of Newton had founded this chantry and endowed it with land, on condition that prayers should be offered there daily for the souls of himself, his predecessors, kinsmen and benefactors, and for all the faithful departed.⁵

Together with the records dealing with parish churches and chantries, this volume contains transcripts of a number of documents which concern the appointment of heads of religious houses. There were two ways by which the name of a person to be confirmed in

¹ See pp. 115-116.

² See pp. 129-130.

³ See pp. 217-218.

⁴ Register, ff. 265-265d. and 267-269d.

⁵ See pp. 121 *seq.*

an appointment of this kind might be brought before the bishop—election, when the house was independent, or presentation, when it was a cell or daughter-house of another foundation. Certain small hospitals were also subject to the right of presentation, often by lay patrons, and the bishop of Durham had the right of presenting to Covenham priory.

Elections could lawfully be carried out in any one of three ways—by a majority vote of the whole community (*“per viam scrutinii”*), by the vote of a small committee delegated for the purpose (*“per viam compromissi”*), or by a unanimous vote (*“quasi per inspirationem”*). In order to have the election confirmed, the elected person had to come before the bishop, bringing with him from two to five fellow-members of his community to act as witnesses to the validity of the proceedings. Presentation was made by formal letters which the candidate brought to the bishop. In either case, the candidate who appeared before Sutton must have found himself facing a rigorous legal examination, and he was lucky if his claims were confirmed without question. About two-thirds of the elections in the archdeaconry of Lincoln were quashed for irregular procedure, and the bishop often complained that the letters of presentation which reached him were incorrectly phrased. He sometimes sent them back to be re-written.

When an election was to be confirmed, the bishop examined the witnesses and caused their statements to be written down and made public. If he found that everything was in order, he then gave his official approval to the proceedings and ordered the new abbot or prior to be installed. If, however, the election were found to have been carried out wrongly, although in good faith, he declared it null and void and reserved to himself the right of making an appointment. The election of Richard of Crowland to the abbey of that name in 1280 was quashed in this way “because of faults of many kinds in the process of the election” although nothing but good was reported to the bishop concerning the character and ability of the candidate.¹ The election of William of Barton to the priory of Elsham in 1285 was, according to Sutton, “so much lacking in formality, and faulty in so many ways, that it was by no means worthy to be termed an election”, but no exception could be taken to William, who was a man “of good repute because of his honourable behaviour and observance of the rule for many years, his virtuous character and his zeal for religion”.² In such cases, where the electors had committed inexcusable technical faults but the person of their choice was of blameless reputation, Sutton always fell in with the expressed wishes of the community and appointed their candidate upon his own responsibility. When, for example, the nuns of Greenfield attempted in 1285 to elect

¹ See pp. 8-9.

² See pp. 65-66.

Sara of Willoughby as their prioress, and failed to perform the election properly, the bishop, in appointing Sara, laid stress upon the fact that the members of the convent, "after their fashion", had tried to vote unanimously for her.¹ When the irregularities of the election were comparatively slight, Sutton sometimes excused them on grounds of ignorance of canon law, particularly if the electors were women. Sara's successor at Greenfield, Christina of Owmbly, had her election confirmed, "although certain things which are required by the exact interpretation of the law had been omitted in this case, yet the bishop took into consideration the simplicity of the electors".² At Nocton Park, in 1292, the same plea of "simplicity" was accepted from a community of men.³

Occasionally Sutton took exception to the candidate chosen, on the grounds that he was unworthy, incapable or of illegitimate birth. In such cases he either appointed someone else or told the electors to go and make another choice. When the canons of Nocton Park attempted in 1296 to secure Philip of Hanworth for their prior, Sutton found "notable defects" both in the candidate and in the method of his election, and the community eventually chose Thomas of Louth instead.⁴ In 1290, when Kyme priory fell vacant by the resignation of Thomas of Spalding, the canons' choice fell on the sub-prior, Nicholas of Swarby, who was elected, so they said, "as if by the inspiration of the Holy Ghost". Sutton's investigations brought a very different story to light. Nicholas, he discovered, had been chosen not by divine inspiration but by the instigation of certain persons "not without the vice of conspiracy", and he was rejected. Sutton apparently felt Kyme needed a new broom, and his choice of a prior fell on a man who was not a member of the community at all—Arnold, cellarer of Thornton, "an upright man, religious and adorned with many virtues, expert and likewise prudent in affairs both spiritual and temporal".⁵

Some houses, although they were in a minority, managed to conduct their elections in such a way as to earn Sutton's unqualified approval. On one occasion he even went so far as to declare that the electors—in this case the nuns of S. Leonard's priory outside Grimsby—had carried out their duties not merely correctly but "as if by divine inspiration, in simplicity and concord".⁶ Such praise, however, was rare.

A number of priories in the archdeaconry of Lincoln did not elect their own heads, but had them presented to the bishop by the mother-house. As a rule, such people held the office of prior for only a short time and were then recalled. Their recall cast no reflection upon their behaviour while they held office—it was simply

¹ See p. 68.

⁴ See pp. 209 *seq.*

² See p. 124.

⁵ See pp. 151–152.

³ See pp. 168–169.

⁶ See pp. 226–227.

part of the practical organisation of monastic life. Thus the priory of S. Leonard of Stamford, which was dependent upon Durham priory, had eight successive priors in twelve years. Whenever such a prior gave up his office, he had to write a formal letter to the bishop offering his resignation and usually giving some reason such as the command of his abbot or incapacitation by illness. (The priors of S. Leonard's always pleaded illness.) These letters of resignation were sometimes but not invariably copied into the records. Letters of presentation were always recorded, and they form a considerable part of those records which deal with monastic affairs.

Sutton, as we have seen, was always on his guard lest he might accept a letter of presentation containing some phrase which implied that the right to appoint a prior, as distinct from the right to present him, might rest with some person other than the bishop. Such a letter, once recorded, would form a dangerous precedent for the undermining of episcopal authority. Sutton accordingly scrutinised all such letters with the greatest care and, if they were at all doubtful, he compared them with the examples which were preserved in his own records and those of his predecessors. Any incorrect letter was either rejected at once, or accepted only on the express understanding that it was not to be used as a precedent. The abbot of Bec's faulty presentation in 1290 has already been described. On an earlier occasion, in 1282, Sutton had taken an exception to another letter from the same abbot, in which the phrase "we have committed the care and administration" (of the priory of Wilsford) had been used. "You ought", he said to the abbot's candidate "to get another letter—a proper one". Bec, however, was far away, and "in order to spare labour and expense", the bishop agreed to accept the presentation on this occasion, provided that no precedent were claimed.¹ In 1287 the abbot of S. Alban's presented Roger of Hendred to the priory of Belvoir. Instead of asking the bishop to confirm the presentation and institute the candidate, the abbot asked the bishop to "accept our recommendation of the said Roger in the business which he has with you". Sutton refused to do anything, saying that he "by no means accepted a letter of this kind", and Roger had to go back to S. Alban's in order to have it re-written.² In 1286 Peter le Beschu was admitted to the priory of Covenham only as a special act of grace, because the bishop of Durham, in his letter of presentation, had inadvertently let slip the phrase "whom we have admitted" to the office of prior.³ Sutton's determination to stand up for his rights was well known. When in 1283 the members of the order of Sempringham applied for the confirmation of their choice of Roger of Bolingbroke as their new master, they came provided with a papal bull which stated that "if the bishop, having been

¹ See pp. 22-23.

² See pp. 97 *seq.*

³ See pp. 82-83.

devoutly and humbly requested (to give confirmation) should show himself difficult" the master might nevertheless be lawfully appointed without his consent.¹

This care over the use of the correct formula appears throughout the records of Sutton's institutions in all his archdeaconries. Many of the incorrect letters came from foreign houses, and in spite of the journey involved, candidates were often sent back to get the wording altered. It does not seem likely that there was any deep-laid plot on the part of French abbots to undermine the episcopal rights of the see of Lincoln, and the mistakes are to be attributed rather to carelessness or the failure to keep in the monastic archives a correct model letter. Sutton, however, caused his archives to be kept with extreme care, and it is clear that he refused to take the risk of handing down to his successors a diminished inheritance of rights and responsibilities.

The Rolls and Register of Oliver Sutton, Bishop of Lincoln 1280-1299.

INSTITUTIONS IN THE ARCHDEACONRY OF LINCOLN

INSTITUTIONES ET CARTE FACTE PER LINCOLN' OFFICIALEM VACANTE SEDE EADEM PER MORTEM R DE GRAVESHEND' ET TEMPORE OLIVERI LINCOLN' ELECTI CONFIRMATI V KALENDAS MARTII IN CRASTINO SANCTI MATHEI APOSTOLI ANNO DOMINI MILLESIMO DUCENTESIMO¹ SEPTUAGESIMO NONO.

Membrane 2.

WESTBOROUGH (Medietas de Westburg'). R. Master John of Fledborough (Fletburg'), p. by the P. and C. of Shelford to the mediety of the church of Westborough. Inst., January 19, 1280. (Margin 'Per officialem.')

MUCKTON (Muketon'). R. William de Fykenay, ch., p. by Sir John de La Hay, as guardian of the lands and heir of Robert Maucunaunt, to the church of Muckton vacant by the res. of Hugh of Willoughby (Wilgby). Inst. by the Official of Canterbury, on the Tuesday after Candlemas, February 6, 1280.

SOTBY (Sotteby). R. Peter son of Master Durand of Lincoln, subd., p. by the A. and C. of Bardney to the church of Sotby, to which he had already been inst. by the Official, *sedē vacante*.² Inst. by Sutton as bishop-elect, Middleton, March 6, 1280.

CROXTON. R. Edward Fromund, subd., p. by Lady Helen La Zuche to two parts of the church of Croxton vacant by the res. of Master Adam. Inst. by Sutton as bishop-elect, Middleton, March 6, 1280.

BARTON UPON HUMBER (Barton'). V. William of Barton, ch., p. by the A. and C. of Bardney to the vicarage of Barton-upon-Humber vacant by the death of Thomas. Inst. by Sutton as bishop-elect. March 21, 1280.

CHANTRY AT CAREBY (Cantaria in ecclesia de Careby). Richard of Bury (Biry), ch., p. by Supir de Bayus to the portion assigned in lay fee by his ancestors to maintain a chantry at Careby. Inst. in 1273, according to the ordinance made by Bishop Gravesend (no date).

¹ *Sic*

² See note on p. 95.

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HAGNABY (Hagneby). V. Roger of Asgarby (Asgerby), ch., p. by the A. and C. of Revesby to the vicarage of Hagnaby vacant by the death of William. Inst., April 5, 1280.

ASLACKBY (Aslakby). V. William of Dowsby (Douseby), ch., p. by the Master of the Templars to the vicarage of Aslackby vacant by the res. of Master John of Melton. Inst., April 6, 1280.

SEARBY (Severby). R. Master William of Sausthorpe (Sauzthorp') p. by the chapter of Lincoln to the church of Searby vacant because the last incumbent disobeyed the decrees of the Council of Lyons in matters concerning the vacancy of the living.¹ Inst., April 16, 1280, saving the rights of the chapter and a pension due to them from the living.

GREAT CARLTON (Magna Karleton'). R. Note that on April 9, 1280, at Stow Park, Sutton as bishop-elect collated the living of Great Carlton, which was in his gift, to Robert of Thorpe (Thorp'), ch., in the presence of John le Fleming (Flemang), canon of Lincoln, Simon of Louth (Luda), ch., John Pykard, clerk, and others.

QUARRINGTON (Querinton'). R. Note that on April 29, 1280, at Liddington, Sutton as bishop-elect collated the living of Quarrington, which was in his gift, vacant by the res. of Master Richard of Horton, to Master Augustine of Stane.

CONFIRMATIO ROBERTI ABBATIS DE BARDENAY'. Confirmation of Robert of Wainfleet as Abbot of Bardney (in the person of William of Sausthorpe his proctor) by Bishop Sutton, after the cession of brother Peter of Barton and after an enquiry which showed that the election had been held correctly. Theydon, May 6, 1280.

Vacante monasterio de Bardenay' per cessionem fratris Petri de Barton' ultimi abbatis ejusdem factam pure ac sponte in manibus domini Oliveri Lincoln' electi, idem dominus electus cum nullus tunc fuisset prior in dicto monasterio, subpriori et conventui scripsit ut sibi in forma canonica de pastore providerent, petita igitur ex parte dictorum subprioris et conventus a domino Rege prout moris est eligendi licentia et obtenta, assignatoque die certo videlicet die martis in septimana Pasche ad tractandum de electione futuri pastoris, ipso die per viam compromissi fratrem Robertum de Waynflet commonachum suum elegerunt in abbatem, Requisito postmodum super hujusmodi electione assensu regio et obtento, tandem II Nonas Maii a.d. M.CC. octogesimo apud Teyden ex

¹ See introduction, p. iii.

parte dictorum subprioris et conventus per magistrum Willelmum de Sauzthorp' procuratorem suum ad hoc constitutum , et coram domino Olivero Lincoln' electo electionis decretum et alia instrumenta ipsum negotium contingentia exhibentem humiliter petebatur quod idem dominus electus prefatam electionem confirmare curaret , adhibita igitur tam circa electionis predictae formam quam personam electi dicto die cum continuatione diei subsequentis examinatione diligenti cum inventum fuisset quod in electionis processu debita fuisset forma canonis observata nihilque persone dicti Roberti obstabat de canonicis institutis prefatus dominus Oliverus decernens petitionem dicti procuratoris fore admittendum , electionem de prefato Roberto factam exigente justicia confirmavit.

NORTH SCARLE (Northscarl'). R. Richard of Whisby (Wyseby), ch., p. by the Master of the Templars in England to the church of North Scarle vacant by the death of Andrew. Inst., Stepney (Stibenhid'), May 11, 1280.

INCIPIT ANNUS PRIMUS CONSECRATIONIS DOMINI OLIVERI EPISCOPI ,
XIII KALENDAS JUNII ANNO DOMINI OCTOGESIMO.

EAGLE (Eycle). V. Simon of Swaffham (Swafham), ch., p. by the Master of the Templars in England to the church of Eagle vacant because Richard of Whisby had been inst. to the church of North Scarle. Inst., June 7, 1280.

BARDNEY (Bardenay'). Note of the formal blessing of Abbot Robert of Wainfleet by the Bishop, and of arrangements for his installation. Buckden, June 10, 1280.

IIII Idus Junii anno primo apud Buggeden' impendit dominus episcopus munus benedictionis fratri Roberto de Waynflet in abbatem de Bardenay' electo , et scriptum fuit Archidiacono Lincoln' quod favorabiliter exequaretur quod ad eum pertinet circa installationem ipsius , et quod injungeret fratribus domus ipsius et ministris quod ei tanquam abbati obediant et intendant.

EAST KIRKBY (Kirkeby). R. William Blund of Lincoln, subd., p. by Henry Smerhorn' to the church of East Kirkby vacant because John Colet had not been ordained priest within a year of institution.¹ Inst., Newstead by Stamford, June 16, 1280.

¹ See introduction p. iii.

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COVENHAM S. MARY (Covenham). R. Master William of Hemswell (Helveswell'), subd., p. by the P. of Covenham to the church of S. Mary, Covenham, vacant by the death of Walter, and by the res. of Master Robert of Ludborough (Ludebg'), first presented to it. Inst., Newstead by Stamford, June 16, 1280.

BOULTHAM (Bultham). R. John of Coventry (Coventr'), subd., p. by the A. and C. of Bardney to the church of Boultham lawfully vacant. Inst., Newstead, June 16, 1280.

SALMONBY (Salmanby). R. Philip of Ness (Nas), subd., p. by Sir John de Bacon to the church of Salmonby vacant by the death of William of Paris. Inst., Newstead, June 16, 1280.

ASWARDBY. R. Walter of Hagworthingham (Hagwrthingham'), subd., p. by Sir John of Harrington (Harinton') to the church of Aswardby vacant by the res. of Robert. Inst., Newstead, June 16, 1280.

MININGSBY (Methingesby). R. William of Warwick (Warewyk'), subd., p. by the Master of the Templars in England to the church of Miningsby vacant because William the last incumbent disobeyed the decrees of the Council of Lyons. Inst., Thornhaugh, June 13, 1280.

LITTLE BYTHAM (Bihramel). R. William of Brompton (Brumpton'), d., collated by the Bishop, who had the gift of the living, to the church of Bytham. Inst., Stow Park, June 29, 1280.

BARDNEY (Bardenay'). V. Thomas of Kyme (Kima), ch., p. by the A. and C. of Bardney to the vicarage of Bardney vacant by the death of Peter. Inst., Laughton near Gainsborough (Lagthon'), July 6, 1280.

ANCASTER (Anecastr'). V. Nicholas of Grantham (Graham), ch., p. by the P. and C. of Malton to the vicarage of Ancaster vacant by the res. of the last incumbent. Inst., Grimsby, July 12, 1280.

HABROUGH (Aburg'). V. Simon Cave (de Cava), ch., p. by the A. and C. of Newhouse to the vicarage of Habrough vacant by the death of Richard. Inst., Grimsby, July 12, 1280.

KILLINGHOLME (Killingholm'). V. Herlewyn, ch., p. by the A. and C. of Newhouse to the vicarage of Killingholme vacant by the res. of Simon. Inst., Stow Park, July 24, 1280.

Membrane 3.

BARNOLDBY (Bernolby). R. Master John Fraunk of Grimsby, subd., p. by Richard, proctor of Beauport Abbey, to the church of Barnoldby vacant by the death of Master Roger Cave. Inst. after the settlement of a dispute over the living with Master Robert Ayr of Grimsby, presented by the said Richard during the lifetime of Roger Cave. Inst., Stow Park, July 31, 1280.

Magister Johannes Fraunk de Grimesby subdiaconus presentatus per fratrem Ricardum procuratorem Abbatis et Conventus de Bello Portu apud Ravendal' ad ecclesiam de Bernolby vacantem per mortem Magistri Rogeri de Cava ultimi rectoris ejusdem, facta prius inquisitione per W. Archidiaconum Lincoln' per quam acceptum est, etc, (*sic*) post diutinas contercationes inter Magistrum Robertum Ayr de Grimesby ad dictam ecclesiam tanquam ad de jure vacantem in vita dicti Magistri Rogeri de Cava per prefatum procuratorem presentatum ex parte una et predictum Magistrum Johannem super ecclesia predicta prius habitas ex altera, et post adjudicationem per Dominum Oliverum Lincoln' episcopum cujus ordinationi, diffinitioni seu laudo partes in hac parte sponte se submiserunt, prefato Magistro Johanne de ecclesia predicta canonice factam, ad dictam ecclesiam est admissus II kalendas Augusti anno primo apud Parcham Stowe et in ea rector canonice institutus, Jurataque domino Episcopo canonica obedientia in forma consueta, scriptum fuit dicto Archidiacono quod ipsum, etc.

PANTON (Paunton'). R. Michael ? Holton (Houton'), ch., p. by Robert Le Venur, guardian of the lands and heir of the late Sir Peter Le Breton, to the church of Panton vacant by the res. of Robert Le Blunt. Inst., Binnington, August 1, 1280.

BELTON-BY-GRANTHAM. R. Richard of Walton, subd., p. by the A. and C. of S. Mary's, York, to the church of Belton vacant by the res. of Master Adam de Mar'. Inst., Binnington, August 2, 1280.

CHANTRY IN THE CHAPEL OF HOLME (Capella de Holm'). John of Besthorpe (Bestorp), ch., p. by Sir Gerard of Furnivale to the chantry in the chapel of his manor of Holme vacant by the res. of Robert of Coddington (Codington'). Inst., Nettleham. September 10, 1280.

SWAYFIELD (Swaffeld'). R. Haco of Hanworth, subd., p. by the P. and C. of Thurgarton to the church of Swayfield vacant by the res. of John d'Ayncourt. Inst. after Sir John Bek, presenting as guardian of Richard of Flixborough, had withdrawn his opposition, Stow Park, September 27, 1280.

Haco de Hanewrth' subdiaconus presentatus per Priorem et Conventum de Thurgerton' ad ecclesiam de Swaffeld' vacantem per resignationem Johannis de Ayneurt' ultimi rectoris ejusdem , facta prius inquisitione per W. Archidiaconum Lincoln' per quam acceptum est , etc , cum constaret domino episcopo quod dominus Johannes Bek qui se pro jure patronatus ratione custodie Ricardi de Flikesburg' opposuit a prosecutione juris hujusmodi desistebat , ad dictam ecclesiam est admissus et rector institutus in eadem apud Parcham Stowe' V kalendas Octobris anno primo , Jurataque domino episcopo canonica obediencia in forma consueta , scriptum fuit dicto Archidiacono quod ipsum etc. (*sic*).

MAVIS ENDERBY (Pensio de Enderby). Richard of Halton, subd., p. by Alan Malebys to a pension of a hundred shillings a year from the church of Mavis Enderby, lately enjoyed by Richard le Cuylder by an ordination of Bishop Lexington. Admitted, with the provision that the cure of souls should remain with the vicar, Stow Park, September 28, 1280.

Magister Ricardus de Halton' subdiaconus presentatus per Alanum Malebys ad pensionem centum solidorum annuorum de fructibus et proventibus ecclesie de Enderby , quam pensionem Ricardus le Cuylder defunctus dum vixit percepit ex ordinatione domini Henrici Episcopi , facta prius inquisitione per W. Archidiaconum Lincoln' per quam acceptum est , etc¹ ad dictam pensionem nomine rectorie , ita quod cura animarum remaneat penes vicarium ecclesie predicte est admissus apud Parcham Stowe IIII kalendas Octobris anno primo in forma ordinationis predicti domini H. . super hoc facte , jurataque domino episcopo canonica obediencia in forma consueta , scriptum fuit dicto Archidiacono quod ipsum etc.

SOUTH KELSEY (Suthkelesey).² R. Master William of Sauthorpe (Sauzthorp'), d., p. by Brother William Bailiff (Ballivus) of Arrington, proctor general of the A. and C. of Sées, to the church of S. Mary, South Kelsey, vacant by the res. of Master Antony of Sauthorpe on his appointment to the Archdeaconry of Stow. Inst., Nettleham, October 2, 1280.

ELSHAM (Ellisham). V. John of Ashby (Askeby), ch., p. by the P. and C. of Elsham to the vicarage of Elsham vacant by the res. of Gilbert. Inst., Lincoln, October 7, 1280.

SEARBY (Severby). R. Master William son of Henry of Saus-thorpe (Sauzthorp') p. by the D. and C. of Lincoln to the church of Searby (saving a pension of twenty pounds of silver for the

¹ *sic*.

² It is difficult to reconcile this entry with that on p. 56.

lights of S. Mary in the Cathedral at Lincoln), vacant because Master William of Sausthorpe had been inst. to the church of South Kelsey. Inst., Nettleham, October 9, 1280.

Note. The grant of the pension for the lights was made by Robert son of William of Searby *circa* 1230. (*L.R.S.* xxix, p. 366.)

MERE. R. Master William of Stockton (Stoketon'), d., presented to the church of Mere (in the gift of the Bishop) vacant by the death of Master John Le Gracihus. Inst., Nettleham, October 10, 1280, in the presence of Masters Adam of Brampton, Durand of Lincoln, Thomas of Sutton, Sir Robert of Thorpe, Simon of Louth (Luda) and others.

WAINFLEET (Waynflet'). R. William of Redcroft, ch., p. by the P. and C. of Kyme to the church of All Saints, Wainfleet, vacant by the consecration of Master Thomas Bek as Bishop of S. David's. Inst., Mere on the Heath (*in brueria ejusdem*), October 12, 1280.

OWERSBY (Ourisby). V. Richard of Saxstead (Sasstede), ch., p. by the P. and C. of Royston (Crux Roys) to the vicarage of Owersby vacant by the res. of Hugh. Inst., October 12, 1280.

GREAT HALE (Hal). V. William of Hale, ch., p. by Master Nicholas of S. Quintin, Rector of Hale, with the express consent of the A. and C. of Bardney, to the vicarage of Hale, vacant for a long time (*ex diu vacantem*). Inst., Sleaford, October 13, 1280.

Note on the extent of the revenues of the vicarage. "Consistit autem dicta vicaria in toto alteragio secundum ordinationem Willelmi episcopi coram domino episcopo exhibitam, videlicet in omnibus oblationibus et minutis decimis cum tofto quod fuit Godewini Grikke et cum terra pertinente ad ecclesiam, excepto tofto quod fuit Radulfi Pilat juxta ecclesiam ex parte aquilonari et excepto loco in marisco de Hal qui dicitur parcus, et vicarius de episcopalibus consuetudinibus respondebit."

SURFLEET (Surflet). R. Note of a letter of Archbishop Peckham stating that he had instituted Adam of Rauceby, ch., to the church of Surfleet, vacant by the res. of Antony Bek, and collated by the Archbishop according to the decrees of the Council of Lyons although the patrons were the P. and C. of Spalding. The Archbishop asked the Bishop of Lincoln to order Adam's induction, and this Sutton did, although reserving full rights in any future vacancy of the living. Dated October 27, 1280, London.

VI kalendas Novembris apud London' venit ad dominum episcopum littera domini Archiepiscopi Cantuar' in hec verba :—Frater J. etc , episcopo Lincoln' salutem etc . Quia ecclesiam de Surfleet vestre diocesis patronatus¹ Prioris et conventus Spalding' vacantem non solum de jure sed etiam de facto per resignationem domini Antonii Bek ultimi rectoris ejusdem , et ad collationem nostram auctoritate ultimi concilii Lugdun' ad presens spectantem , dilecto filio Ade de Rouceby capellano nostro caritative contulimus , et ipsum rectorem canonice instituimus in eadem . Vobis mandamus quatinus predictum Adam vel ipsius procuratorem in corporalem ejusdem ecclesie possessionem inducat et auctoritate nostra defendatis inductum contradictores , etc . Datum IX kalendas Novembris anno domini M.CC octogesimo.—Hujusmodi igitur mandati intuitu , scriptum fuit Archidiacono Lincoln' vel Stamford' vel Hoyland' Decanis quod ipsi vel unus eorum prefatum Adam in possessionem dicte ecclesie inducerent in forma prenotata , Domino episcopo prius protestante quod licet ad presens voluntati domini Archiepiscopi in hac parte proper quasdam causas speciales condescendere decrevisset , ad hujusmodi inductionem salvo jure Lincoln' ecclesie et jure patronorum in posterum in prefata ecclesia et aliis ecclesiis ad ipsorum patronatum spectantibus , procedere voluit ista vice , presentibus Magistris Ricardo Archidiacono Bedeford' , Thoma de Sutton' , J. Le Flem[ing] W. de Langwath' canonicis Lincoln' , Henrico de Nassinton' , Durando de Lincoln' et Symone de Luda clerico.

CROWLAND (Croyland'). Note that Richard of Crowland appeared before Bishop Sutton at the Old Temple, London, for confirmation of his election as abbot of Crowland in succession to Ralph. The Bishop declared the election invalid on grounds of incorrect procedure, and deprived the electors of their power to choose an abbot on this occasion. He then appointed the said Richard as abbot upon his own responsibility, November 6, 1280, and consecrated him at Theydon, November 10, 1280.

Vacante monasterio Croyland' Abbate per mortem fratris Radulfi ultimi abbatis ejusdem , petitaque a domino Rege prout moris est licentia eligendi , monachi domus ejusdem una cum priore de Freston' et quibusdam commonachis suis fratrem Ricardum de Croyland' monachum domus Croyland per viam compromissi elegerunt in abbatem , requisito igitur super electione juxta loci consuetudinem consensu regio et obtento , presentata fuit domino episcopo ipsa electio taliter celebrata die Sabbati proxima ante festum Omnium Sanctorum apud Vetus Templum London' , examinato igitur diligenter electionis processu , examinata etiam exquisite electi persona , dominus episcopus perhibita exqui-

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tissima deliberatione et consultissimo tractatu electionem ipsam non vitio persone electe sed propter vitia ipsius electionis multipharia cassavit et irritavit , immo verius cassum et irritum . nunciavit justicia exigente , potestatem providendi dicto monasterio de abbate sibi reservando . Verum cum de persona prefati fratris Ricardi multa bona fuissent domino episcopo nunciata , Idem dominus episcopus attendens laudabile testimonium quod perhibatur eidem , volensque utilitati monasterii in quantum cum deo poterit in hac parte prospicere , prefatum fratrem Ricardum de jure ad eum devoluto et etiam ex potestate sibi specialiter in hac parte reservata , prefecit in abbatem , curam et custodiam dicte domus in temporalibus et spiritualibus ei commitendo apud Vetus Templum London VIII idus Novembris anno primo . Et IIII idus proxime sequentem apud Theyden' munus ei consecrationis impendit.

HAGNABY. V. Gilbert of Welton, ch., p. by the A. and C. of Revesby to the vicarage of Hagnaby vacant by the res. of Roger of Asgarby. Inst., Baldock, November 18, 1280.

NEWTON-IN-AVELAND (Neuton'). R. Master William of Hems-well (Helveswell'), d., p. by the P. and C. of S. Andrew's in Northampton to the church of Newton-in-Aveland vacant by the inst. of John of Kent to the church of Potton. Inst., Langenhoe (Langenok'), November 20, 1280.

THORPE S. PETER (Thorp'). V. Master Hugh of Thorpe, d., p. by the P. and C. of Kyme to the vicarage of Thorpe S. Peter vacant by the inst. of William of Redcroft to the church of All Saints, Wainfleet. Inst., Langenhoe, November 20, 1280.

DUNSTHORPE (Dunstorp'). R. Ralph Pilat, d., p. by Adam de Rozinges, William of Dunsthorpe and Martina of Dunsthorpe to the church of Dunsthorpe vacant by the res. of Ralph. Inst., Dunstable, November 26, 1280.

HAMERINGHAM. R. Master Jordan of Ingham, ch., p. by the P. and C. of Bullington to the church of Hameringham vacant by the death of Walter of Kilkenny. Inst., Farnham, December 11, 1280.

IRBY IN THE MARSH (Irby). R. Richard of Bowdon (Boudon'), subd., p. by Sir John of Harrington to the church of Irby vacant by the res. of Master Antony. Given the church *in commendam* October 12, 1280, and ordained deacon and inst. at Wycombe, December 21, 1280.

HAGWORTHINGHAM (Hagwrthingham). R. William of Riby, subd., p. by the A. and C. of Bardney to the church of Hagworthingham vacant by the res. of Master Antony. Given the church *in commendam* September 28, 1280, and ordained deacon and inst. at Wycombe, December 21, 1280.

SWINSTEAD (Swynhamsted'). V. Robert of Camel, d., p. by the P. and C. of Drax to the vicarage of Swinstead vacant by the inst. of Adam to the church of Surfleet. Inst., Milton, January 22, 1281.

GOXHILL (Gousel). R. Stephen of Wighton (Wytton'), ch., p. by the P. and C. of Bridlington to the church of Goxhill vacant by the res. of Master Hugh of Evesham. Inst., Milton January 23, 1281, and renounced all his other benefices except prebends.

SCOT WILLOUGHBY (Scotwyleby). R. Thomas of Prestwold, subd., re-presented by Sir Robert de Wavere, knight, to the church of Scot Willoughby vacant because the said Thomas had not been ordained priest within a year of institution. Inst., Eynsham, February 2, 1281.

Membrane 4.

LANGTON BY HORNCastle (Langeton'). R. Robert of Leverton (Levirton'), subd., p. by Lady Philippa, widow of Sir Alan of Rothwell (Rowell), to the church of Langton vacant by the inst. of William Braund to the church of Sudbrooke. Inst., Eynsham, February 8, 1281.

TINWELL (Tynnewell'). R. Richard of Tinwell, subd., p. by the A. and C. of Peterborough to the church of Tinwell vacant by the res. of John Cave (de Cava). Inst., March 2, 1281. Note that Tinwell is in the archdeaconry of Northampton.

MERE. R. Geoffrey of Dunwich (Donwik), ch., p. by the Bishop of London and Sir Thomas of Northflet to the church of Mere. Given the church *in commendam* at S. Frideswide's, Oxford, January 27, 1281, and inst. March 5, 1281.

GREAT LIMBER (Landberg'). V. John of Ashby (Askeby), priest, vicar of Elsham, p. by Brother Robert the Monk, proctor general of the A. and C. of Aunay, to the vicarage of Great Limber vacant by the death of Robert of Ashby. John resigned his living at Elsham and was inst. March 6, 1281. Note that the revenues of the vicarage of Great Limber include one-third of the tithes, oblations, etc.

MABLETHORPE S. MARY (Malbirthorp' Beate Marie). R. Hervey de Threkestone, ch., p. by Archbishop Peckham to the church of S. Mary, Mablethorpe, vacant because the Archbishop's commissaries had given judgement for Hervey in a lawsuit which he brought against Adam Wylot, Rector of S. Mary's, and had dispossessed Adam. Inst., Woburn Abbey, March 20, 1281.

Endorsement. Archbishop Peckham's mandate ordering Bishop Sutton to institute Hervey as being presented by the true patron of the living, who is not named.

XIII kalendas Aprilis apud Abbathiam de Wouburn' anno primo recepta fuit littera domini J. Cantuar' Archiepiscopi in forma que sequitur :—Fratr J. permissione divina Cantuar' ecclesie minister humilis totius Anglie primas venerabili in Christo fratri domino O. dei gracia Lincoln' Episcopo salutem et fraterne caritatis augmentum . Cum nuper comissarii nostri vice et auctoritate nostra de causa seu negotio que vel quod vertebatur inter Herveum de Threkestone capellanum actorem ex parte una et Adam Wylot reum ex altera super ecclesia Beate Marie de Malberthorp' vestre diocesis cognoscentes predictam ecclesiam dicto Ade abjudicaverint sibi que super eadem perpetuum silentium imposuerint ac dictum Herveum a vera ejusdem ecclesie patrona vobis canonice presentatum rectorem in eadem institui debere ac in corporalem possessionem ejusdem ecclesie induci inductumque debere defendi , amoto quolibet alio detentore sententialiter decreverint . Vobis in virtute obediencie precipiendo mandamus quatinus predictum Herveum sine difficultate aliqua per vos vel per alium in dicta ecclesia Rectorem instituatis seu institui faciatis , ipsumque in corporalem possessionem ejusdem ecclesie inducatu seu induci faciatis et defendatis inductum facientes eidem tanquam Rectori de fructibus et proventibus ejusdem ecclesie integraliter responderi amoto ab ea quolibet alio detentore . Contradictores et rebelles si quos inveneritis per censuram ecclesiasticam compescendo . Diem vero receptionis presentium formam et quid inde feceritis nobis infra mensem a tempore receptionis presentium per vestras patentes litteras harum seriem continentes fideliter intimetis . Datum apud Cheninton' XVI kalendas Aprilis anno domini M.CC. octogesimo , consecrationis nostre tercio.

QUADRING (Quadhavering). R. Master Richard of S. Laurence (de Sancto Laurentio) subd., p. by the Prioress and Convent of Stainfield to the church of Quadring vacant by the death of Sir Alan of Lusby. Inst., Dunstable, March 26, 1281.

ELSHAM (Ellesham). V. William Gold of Barton, ch. p. by the P. and C. of Elsham to the vicarage of Elsham vacant by the res. of John. Inst., Shillington (Schitlington'), March 29, 1281.

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ULCEBY (Ulsby). R. John of Erley (Erleya), ch., p. by the A. and C. of Crowland to the church of Ulceby vacant by the res. of Master Philip of Barton. Inst., Shillington, March 29, 1281.

PRIORY OF S. LEONARD OUTSIDE STAMFORD (S. Leonardi extra Stanford'). Brother William Lutterell, p. by the P. and C. of Durham to the priory of S. Leonard outside Stamford vacant by the res. of the Prior, William de Rybus. Confirmed as Prior, Buckden, April 14, 1281.

COVENHAM S. MARY (Covenham Beate Marie). R. John of Hemswell (Helmeswell'), ch., p. by the P. of Covenham to the church of S. Mary, Covenham. Inst. at Buckden, April 16, 1281.

WYBERTON (Wybirton'). R. Peter de Bisenturia, chaplain, p. by John, Earl of Richmond, to the church of Wyberton vacant by the res. of Master Henry Grovier, and by the death of Sir Odo de Phara who had been the first man to be presented. Inst., Buckden, April 20, 1281.

HEMINGBY (Hemmingby). R. Thomas of Bratoft (Braythoft'), d., p. by Sir Thomas son of Lambert of Moulton to the church of Hemingby vacant by the death of Sir Alexander of Algarkirk. Inst., Buckden, April 28, 1281.

NORTH THORESBY (Thorisby). R. Robert of Cadbury (Cadesbiry), priest, p. by Henry de Lacy, Earl of Lincoln, to the church of Thoresby vacant by the death of Sir Alexander of Bradenham. Inst. at the Old Temple, London, May 6, 1281.

WYVILLE (Wyvell'). R. Walter Bacon (de Bacon'), subd., p. by the P. and C. of Farley to the church of Wyville vacant by the res. of Walter Horn. Inst. at the Old Temple, London, May 6, 1281.

WASHINGBOROUGH (Wassingburn'). R. Peter called Monk of the Marsh (de Marisco), ch., p. by John, Earl of Richmond, to the church of Washingborough vacant by the death of William Geraud. Inst. at the Old Temple, London, May 10, 1281.

AB KETTLEBY (Abbekettelby). R. Master John of Melton, subd., re-presented by the P. and C. of Launde to the church of Ab Kettleby vacant because the said John had not been ordained priest within a year of institution. Inst. at the Old Temple, London, May 15, 1281. Note that Ab Kettleby is in the Arch-deaconry of Leicester.

STAMFORD, S. PETER (Stanford S. Petri). R. Thomas of Ewerby (Yvardby), ch., p. by the P. and C. of S. Fromund's to the church of S. Peter, Stamford, vacant by the death of John of Reston. Inst. at the Old Temple, London, May 17, 1281.

ANNUS PONTIFICATUS DOMINI OLIVERI SECUNDUS ET INCARNATIONIS
M.CC OCTOGESIMUS PRIMUS.

BELCHFORD, North mediety (Beltesford'). R. Master William of Newcastle (de Novo Castro), ch., p. by the P. and C. of Trentham to the mediety of the church of Belchford vacant because John the last rector had received other preferment. Given the church *in commendam* November 20, 1281, and inst., Elstow (Elvestowe), May 23, 1281.

HECKINGTON (Hekinton'). R. William of Riby (Ribi), subd., p. by the A. and C. of Bardney to the church of Heckington vacant by the death of Philip of Reston. Inst., S. Neot's, May 30, 1281.

WAINFLEET S. MARY (Waynflete Beate Marie). R. Henry of Wimbourne, ch., p. by the Prioress and Convent of Stixwould to the church of S. Mary, Wainfleet, vacant by the death of John of Reston. The other claimant to the right of presentation, Simon son of Guy of Wainfleet, renounced his claim, and Henry, after having resigned the living of High Toynton, was inst. at Buckden, June 1, 1281, and had letters patent.

Henricus de Wymburn' capellanus presentatus per priorissam et conventum de Stikeswald' ad ecclesiam Beate Marie de Waynflete vacantem per mortem Johannis de Riston' ultimi rectoris ejusdem, facta prius inquisitione per W. Archidiaconum Lincoln' per quam, etc, Symone filio Widonis de Wayneffete per cujus oppositionem et presentationem ad eandem ista vice dicta ecclesia effecta fuerat per aliquod tempus litigiosa, jus si quid habuit vel habere potuit in advocacione dicte ecclesie per litteram suam patentem expresse resignante, dictis priorisse et conventui et earum successoribus illud quietum clamando in perpetuum, prefato Henrico ecclesia¹ de Toynton superiore cujus Rector extiterat in manibus episcopi renuntiante, ad dictam ecclesiam de Waynflete est admissus, kalendis Junii, apud Buckeden', anno secundo, et rector canonice institutus in eadem, jurataque, etc, scriptum fuit dicto Archidiacono, etc, et nihilominus habuit litteram patentem in forma consueta.

¹ sic, recte ecclesiam.

SWABY. R. Robert of Waddingham (Wadingham), subd., p. by Sir Philip of Kyme to the churches of Swaby vacant by the res. of Master Ralph Basag' tendered by letters patent. Inst., Huntingdon, June 7, 1281.

SEDGEBROOK, Mediety (Segbrok'). R. Roger de la More, subd., p. by the P. and C. of Eye to the mediety of the church of Sedgebrook vacant by the res. of John of Helpston. Inst., Buckden, June 8, 1281, with a reservation to the said Prior and Convent of an annual pension of twenty shillings.

EAST HALTON (Halton'). V. Richard of Keelby (Kelleby), ch., p. by the A. and C. of Newhouse to the vicarage of East Halton vacant by the death of Hugh. Inst., Huntingdon, June 11, 1281.

MARKET STANTON (Staynton' Mercatorum). V. Peter of Barnetby (Bernetby), ch., p. by the A. and C. of Topholme to the vicarage of Market Stainton vacant by the death of Michael. Inst., Ramsey, June 19, 1281, on condition that he should obtain before Michaelmas a dispensation for being ordained at Rome without letters dimissory.

BRACEBRIDGE (Bracebrig'). V. John of Alford p. by the P. and C. of S. Katherine outside Lincoln to the vicarage of Bracebridge vacant by the death of Henry. Inst., Lincoln, June 30, 1281.

Membrane 5.

RIPPINGALE (Repinghale). R. John of Helmdon, subd., p. by Sir John son of John of Rippingale, knight, to the third part of the church of Rippingale vacant because William of Keal had been instituted to the living of Helpston. The right of presentation was disputed by Sir John's mother Amabel, in the King's Court before the itinerant justices at Lincoln, but the case was settled in his favour. A royal writ dated June 18 directed the Bishop to accept Sir John's candidate, who was inst. at Lincoln, July 1, 1281.

Johannes de Helmeden subdiaconus presentatus per dominum Johannem filium Johannis de Repinghale, militem, ad tertiam partem ecclesie de Repinghale vacantem per hoc quod Willelmus de Chele ultimus rector ejusdem postmodum adeptus fuit ecclesiam de Helpiston' curam animarum habentem et in ea canonice institutus, facta prius inquisitione per W. Archidiaconum Lincoln' per quam, etc, quod dicta portio fuit litigiosa per oppositionem et presentationem Amabilie matris dicti Johannis, tandem receptum

fuit breve domini Regis in hec verba :—Edwardus dei gracia Rex Anglie dominus Hibernie et Dux Aquitanie venerabili in Christo patri O. eadem gracia Lincoln' episcopo salutem . Sciatis quod Johannes filius¹ de Repinghale in curia nostra coram justiciariis nostris itinerantibus apud Lincoln' per considerationem ejusdem curie nostre recuperavit presentationem suam versus Amabelliam que fuit uxor Johannis filii Hugonis de Repinghale ad tertiam partem ecclesie de Repinghale et ideo vobis mandamus quod non obstante reclamacione predictae Amabillie ad presentationem predicti Johannis ad predictam tertiam partem predictae ecclesie ydoneam personam admittatis . Teste J. de Wall' apud Lincoln' xviii die Junii anno regni nostri nono . Propter quod idem presentatus ad dictam tertiam partem est admissus apud Lincoln' kalendis Junii² anno secundo et rector canonice institutus in eadem . Jurataque domino episcopo canonica obediencia in forma consueta . scriptum fuit dicto Archidiacono quod , etc.

GAUTBY (Gouteby). R. Reginald of Minting, p. by the P. of Minting to the church of Gautby vacant by the death of Aliland. Inst., Stow Park, July 10, 1281, on condition that he should have a suitable chaplain living with him.

LINWOOD (Lindwod). R. Richard Maulore, subd., p. by Sir Elias de Rabayn, knight, to the church of Linwood vacant by the death of William of Desborough. The right of presentation was disputed by Sir Henry de Bayous, knight, in the King's court before the itinerant justices at Lincoln, but the case was settled in favour of Sir Elias. A royal writ dated July 25 directed the Bishop to accept his candidate, who was instituted at Nettleham, July 30, 1281, having first resigned the church of Thurnby.

Ricardus Maulore subdiaconus presentatus per dominum Eliam de Rabayn militem ad ecclesiam de Linwod' vacantem per mortem Willelmi de Desburg' ultimi Rectoris ejusdem , facta prius inquisitione per Willelmum Archidiaconum Lincoln' per quam acceptum est quod dicta ecclesia litigiosa est per oppositionem domini Henrici de Bayous militis , alium ad eandem ecclesiam e contrario presentantis , inter quos litigato aliquamdiu in curia domini Regis super jure patronatus dicte ecclesie , tandem episcopus breve domini Regis recepit sub hac forma :—Edwardus dei gracia Rex Anglie dominus Hibernie et Dux Aquitanie venerabili in Christo patri O. eadem gracia Lincoln' episcopo salutem . Sciatis quod Elyas de Rabayn in curia nostra coram justiciariis nostris itinerantibus apud Lincoln' recuperavit presentationem suam versus Henricum de Bayuse ad ecclesiam de Lindwode que vacat , et ideo vobis

¹ *Sic.* 'Johannis' presumably omitted.

² *Sic.* : but if the writ was dated 18th June, July must be meant and the previous entry is 30th June.

mandamus quod non obstante reclamatione predicti Henrici ad presentationem predicti Elye ad predictam ecclesiam idoneam personam admittatis . Teste J. de Vall' apud Lincoln' xxv die Julii anno regni nostri nono.—Propter quod dictus Ricardus per dominum Elyam presentatus, ad prefatam ecclesiam est admissus III kalendas Augusti anno secundo apud Nettelham et rector canonice institutus in eadem, resignata tamen prius expresse ecclesia de Thirneby cujus rector prius exstiterat . Jurataque episcopo obediencia canonica in forma consueta, scriptum fuit dicto Archidiacono quod ipsum, etc.

BITCHFIELD (Billesfeld). V. Walter of Morton, ch., p. by the A. and C. of Bourne to the vicarage of Bitchfield vacant by the death of Nicholas. Inst., Nettleham, August 1, 1281.

LINCOLN, S. PAUL IN THE BAIL (Ecclesia S. Pauli in Ballio Lincoln'). R. Leonine, ch., p. by the P. and C. of Trentham to the church of S. Paul in the Bail vacant by the res. of William of Newcastle (de Novo Castro) on his institution to the mediety of the church of Belchford. Inst., Hainton, August 6, 1281, with reservation to the said P. and C. of an annual pension of half a mark.

CASTLE CARLTON (Castelcarleton'). John son of Laurence of Cressingham, ch., p. by Sir John Merieth, knight, to the chapel of Castle Carlton, vacant because Thomas had received other preferment. Inst., Louth, August 23, 1281. Note that in the letter of inquisition there was no mention of the two shillings procuration which should be paid annually by the incumbent of Great Carlton.

STAMFORD, S. MICHAEL IN CORNSTALL (S. Michaelis in Cornstall' Stamford'). R. Simon of Weldon (Welledon), ch., p. by Thomas of Ewerby (Iwardby), chaplain, rector of the church of S. Peter in Stamford and proctor of the P. and C. of S. Fromund's in the diocese of Coutances, to the church of S. Michael in Cornstall Stamford, vacant by the res. of Sir Thomas. Inst., on condition of residing personally in the living, at Sleaford, September 18, 1281, with reservation of a yearly pension of fourteen shillings due to S. Fromund's.

EAST KEAL, Mediety (Ostkele). R. Ralph of S. Clair (de S. Claro), subd., p. by the Master of the Templars in England to the mediety of the church of East Keal vacant by the res. of¹ Given the church *in commendam* August 17, 1281, and inst., Sleaford, September 21, 1281.

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HIGH TOYNTON (Toynton Superior). R. Thomas of Gunness (Gunneys), subd., p. by Sir John Bek, knight, to the church of High Toynton vacant by the inst. of Henry of Wimbourne (Wymburn') to the church of S. Mary in Wainfleet. Given the church *in commendam* June 24, 1281. Inst., Sleaford, September 21, 1281.

SWARBY. V. Alan of Metheringham (Meveringham), d., p. by the P. and C. of Kyme to the church of Swarby vacant by the death of Geoffrey. Inst., Sleaford, September 21, 1281.

THORPE-ON-THE-HILL (Thorp'). R. Roger Pigot, subd., p. by Sir John Pigot, knight, to the church of Thorpe-on-the-hill vacant by the death of Philip. Inst., Sleaford, September 21, 1281.

WYHAM (Wyhum). R. Master Richard of Fulstow (Foulestowe), pr., p. by the P. and C. of Ormsby to the church of Wyham vacant by the death of Master Alan. Richard resigned his vicarage of Barnetby and was instituted at Great Milton, November 18, 1281. The Archdeacon was enjoined to cause the patrons of the vicarage of Barnetby to present to it a suitable candidate.

MINTING PRIORY. Brother Iterus, monk of Minting, p. by Henry de Lacy Earl of Lincoln to the priory of Minting vacant by the resignation of Brother Robert, who had resigned the priory into the hands of the abbot of S. Benoit, Fleury. An inquisition held by the Archdeacon of Lincoln found that the right of patronage belonged to the Earl, provided that he presented the candidate recommended by the abbot of Fleury if suitable. Confirmed as Prior at Brackley, November 25, 1281.

REDBOURN (Redeburn). V. Simon Gugun, d., p. by the A. and C. of Selby to the vicarage of Redbourn vacant by the death of John. Inst. at ? Higham Gobion (Heygham), December 20, 1281.

YARBOROUGH (Jordeburch'). R. Geoffrey of Richmond, in minor orders, p. by the P. and C. of Alvingham to the church of Yarbrough vacant by the death of Master Thomas of Preston. The right of presentation was disputed by Robert son of Alan of Cowton, who presented Geoffrey de Haland'. The case was settled in favour of the Prior, and a royal writ dated November 28, 1281, directed the Bishop to accept his candidate, who was ordained subdeacon and instituted on the Sunday after S. Lucy's day, 1281, at ? Higham Gobion (Heygham).

Galtiridus de Richmund' presentatus per Priorem et Conventum de Alvingham' ad ecclesiam de Jordeburg' vacantem per mortem magistri Thome de Preston' ultimi rectoris ejusdem, facta prius inquisitione per W. Archidiaconum Lincoln' per quam acceptum est quod dicta ecclesia litigiosa est per oppositionem Galfridi de Haland' clerici, inter quas quidem partes litigato aliquamdiu in Curia domini Regis, tandem dicti Prior et Conventus optinuerunt presentationem illa vice in Curia domini Regis predicta sicut per breve Episcopo directum constitit, cujus tenor talis est:—Edwardus dei gracia Rex Anglie, dominus Hibernie et Dux Aquitanie venerabili in Christo patri O. eadem gracia Lincoln' Episcopo, salutem. Sciat is quod cum Robertus filius Alani de Cutun in Curia nostra coram justiciariis nostris itinerantibus apud Lincoln' summonitus esset ad respondendum Priori de Alvingham de placito quod permetteret ipsum presentare ydoneam personam ad ecclesiam de Jordeburg' que vacat, Idemque Robertus venit in eadem Curia nostra et concessit eidem Priori presentationem suam ad predictam ecclesiam, et ideo vobis mandamus quod non obstante reclamatione predicti Roberti ad presentationem predicti prioris ad predictam ecclesiam ydoneam personam admittatis. Teste J. de Vallibus apud Lincoln' xxviii die Novembris anno regni nostri decimo.—Propter quod die Sabbati quatuor temporum proxima post festum S. Lucie anno domini M.CC. octogesimo primo, in celebratione ordinum apud Heygham eodem presentato ordinato in subdiaconatum admissus est ad dictam ecclesiam et Rector canonice institutus in eadem, jurataque episcopo canonica obediencia in forma consueta, scriptum fuit dicto Archidiacono, etc.

STANTON-LE-VALE (Staynton'). R. Philip of Tetford ('Tefford'), ch., p. by Sir Richard of Buslingthorpe, knight, to the third part of the church of Stainton vacant by the res. of William of Stainton (Staunton). Inst., Buckden, December 24, 1281.

BARNETBY (Bernetby).¹ V. Roger of Dalton, ch., p. by the P. and C. of Newstead-on-Ancholme (de Novo Loco juxta pontem Glanford') to the vicarage of Barnetby vacant by the res. of Master Richard of Fulstow on his institution to the church of Wyham. Inst., Buckden, December 27, 1281, and had letters patent. A note of the Archdeacon's findings, in the course of his inquisition, concerning the revenues of the vicarage and payments due from the vicar is also given.

Facta prius inquisitione per W. Archidiaconum Lincoln' per quam acceptum est inter alia quod dicta vicaria consistit in toto alteragio et in quatuor bovatis terre et dimidio sine presentatione decime et in medietate decime feni et in redditu cujusdam tofti,

¹ Marginal note in another hand "Ordinatio Vicarie".

et quod vicarius solvet Letare Jerusalem sinodalia et procuracionem Archidiaconi et quod rectores agnoscent omnia alia onera ad predictam ecclesiam pertinentia.

LANGTON-BY-HORNCastle (Langeton). R. Robert of Leverton (Leyrton') rep. by Lady Philippa widow of Sir Alan of Rothwell (Rowell) to the church of Langton-by-Horncastle. Inst., Buckden, January 3, 1282. Had sealed letters patent from the Bishop and the letter of presentation was enrolled upon the dorse *certa de causa*.

Endorsement. Letter of Lady Philippa of Langton widow of Alan of Rothwell (Rowell), presenting, by right of dower, Robert of Leverton to the church of Langton-by-Horncastle. Dated November 1, 1281, at Langton-by-Horncastle.

Reverendo in Christo patri domino O. dei gracia Lincoln' Episcopo sua humilis et devota Philippa de Langeton' juxta Horncastr' relicta quondam domini Alani de Rowell' militis defuncti salutem cum omni reverencia et honore . Ad ecclesiam dicte ville de Langeton' de jure vacantem et ad advocacionem meam ratione dotis spectantem Robertum de Leyrton' clericum meum paternitati vestre presento , attente rogans quatinus ipsum ad eandem si placet admittere , et canonice rectorem instituere velitis in eadem , Renunciando in hac parte omni juris remedio iterato alium ad dictam ecclesiam presentandum . In cujus rei testimonium has litteras meas sigillo meo munitas vobis si placet mitto patentes . Valeat paternitas vestra bene et diu in domino . Datum apud Langeton' juxta Horncastr' die Omnium Sanctorum anno domini M.CC. octogesimo primo.

LITTLE BYTHAM (Bihamel'). R. William of Brompton (Brumpton'), d., to whom the Bishop (patron of the living) collated the church of Little Bytham at Buckden, January 3, 1282. The Bishop caused him to be given letters patent.¹

HALTON HOLGATE (Halton'). R. Master Ralph of Halton p. by Sir Richard of Halton to the church of Halton vacant by the death of Thomas of Halton brother of the said Richard. Inst. (after he had obtained a dispensation for being of illegitimate birth) at Buckden, January 14, 1282.

WRAGBY. R. Thomas of Snitterby (Sniterby) subd., p. by Sir Robert of the Arches (de Arcubus), knight, to the church of Wragby vacant because the last incumbent, John of Buslingthorpe, had not been ordained priest within a year of institution and had resigned. Inst., Spaldwick, January 18, 1282, with a reservation

¹ He had already had one collation (see p. 4) but had probably failed to be ordained priest within a year.

to the said John of a yearly pension of twenty marks from the living, according to the entry on the dorse of this roll.¹

Membrane 6.

NORTH SOMERCOTES (Nortsumercotes). V. Ralph of Swallow (Swalu), ch., p. by the Prioress and Convent of Legbourne to the vicarage of North Somercotes vacant by the res. of Hervey. Inst., Stoke, January 21, 1282.

BELTON BY GRANTHAM. R. Robert of Hornby (Ormeby), subd., p. by the A. and C. of S. Mary's, York, to the church of Belton vacant by the res. of Richard of Walton. Inst., Northampton, February 1, 1282.

STALLINGBOROUGH (Stalingburg'). V. Thomas de Leilthorpe, d., p. by the A. and C. of Selby to the vicarage of Stallingborough vacant by the non-residence of Henry of Lilbourne (Lilleburn'). An inquisition held by the Archdeacon of Lincoln showed that the said Henry had freely resigned the church into the hands of the Bishop. Inst., Kilsby, February 5, 1282, with a reservation to the said Henry of a yearly pension of six marks from the living during his life.

Endorsement. Letters patent of Bishop Sutton, concerning the resignation of Henry of Lilbourne and the arrangement by which he should receive the pension of six marks from Thomas de Leilthorpe and his successors, vicars of Stallingborough. Sealed with the seals of the Bishop, Henry and Thomas and written in duplicate. Given at Kilsby, February 5, 1282.

In dei nomine amen . Tenore presentium pateat universis quod cum Thomas de Leilthorp' diaconus presentatus nobis Olivero permissione divina Lincoln' Episcopo ad perpetuam vicariam parochialis ecclesie de Stalingburg' nostre diocesis tanquam ad de jure vacantem per religiosos viros Abbatem et Conventum de Seleby , eandem ecclesiam de Stalingburg' in proprios usus habentium² , ad quos presentatio ejusdem vicarie plane noscitur pertinere et Henricus de Lilleburn' capellanus qui possessioni ejusdem vicarie de facto incumbabat se super statu suo ac ipsa vicaria et omnibus spectantibus ad eandem pro bono pacis et propter dubios litis eventus , adhibito etiam expresso consensu presentantium predictorum , nostre ordinationi , gratanter , pure , absolute et simplice submisisset , sicut in ipsius presentati ac presentantium , et ipsius Henrici capellani litteris patentibus inde confectis quas penes nos habemus plenius et expressius continetur , predictus Henricus capellanus , incumbens , eandem vicariam et totum jus sibi competens in eadem in nostris manibus libere , sponte ac pure

¹ Note : This entry was never made.

² sic recte habentes.

protinus resignavit , Nos vero resignationem ipsius Henrici admittentes et predictum Thomam presentatum instituentes in forma juris perpetuum vicarium in eadem , causis moventibus hinc et inde ac singulis circumstanciis negotii attentius ponderatis , pro bono pacis et utilitatis non quidem ex pactione partium sed ex jussione nostra auctoritate pontificali in presencia partis utriusque sicut duximus ordinandum quod predictus Thomas vicarius et quicumque successor ipsius qui pro tempore fuerit predicto Henrico capellano dudum vicario ipsius ecclesie seu certo procuratori suo , ad ejusdem Henrici sustentationem magis honestam de bonis ejusdem vicarie sex marcas annuas ad duos anni terminos , videlicet ad festum Pentecostis et ad festum Natalis domini , sine diminutione qualibet persolvendas apud Lincoln' fideliter et sine difficultate seu calumpnia tribuat annuatim , decernentes predictum Thomam et successorem ipsius quemlibet qui pro tempore fuerit ad solutionem integram annue prestationis predictae sex marcarum terminis et loco predictis fideliter faciendam per sequestrationem bonorum ejusdem vicarie et censuram ecclesiasticam quamlibet de plano et absque strepitu judicii vel examine quolibet , supradicti visa presenti littera districtius compellendi Quibus quidem ordinationi et decreto nostris iidem Thomas vicarius et Henricus capellanus cominus constituti libenter adquieverunt , et se de cetero parere , et in nullo contravenire , juramento coram nobis corporaliter prestito firmaverunt . In cujus rei testimonium presenti scripto duplicato sigillum nostrum una cum sigillo utriusque partis alternatim appenso duximus apponendum . Actum et datum apud Kildesby , nonis Februarii , anno domini M.CC. octogesimo primo et pontificatus nostre secundo.

SCOPWICK (Scapwik'). V. Henry of Edwalton (Edwalton'), ch., p. by the P. and C. of Thurgarton to the vicarage of Scopwick vacant by the death of Walter. Inst., Leicester, February 24, 1282. Note that the patrons are bound to pay one mark to augment the living.

SEMPRINGHAM (Sempringham). V. Benedict of Ringesdon (Ringesdon'), ch., p. by the P. and C. of Sempringham to the vicarage of Sempringham vacant by the res. of Gerinus of Stow. Inst., Leicester, February 24, 1282.

HAGWORTHINGHAM. R. William of Heanor (Hennovere), subd., p. by the A. and C. of Bardney to the church of Hagworthingham vacant by the inst. of William of Riby to the church of Heckington, and by the res. of Hamo Leyk' who was first presented. Inst., Leicester, March 3, 1282, with the reservation to the A. and C. of a yearly pension of twelve marks.

CARLBY, Mediety (Karleby). R. Geoffrey of Ryhall (Rihale), ch., p. by John Le Wasteney to the mediety of the church of Carlby vacant by the res. of William de la Warde. Inst., Leicester, March 3, 1282.

Note that this presentation was opposed by Henry of Geddington, rector of the other mediety, in the name of the patron, Richard of Coates. He withdrew his opposition after inspecting the records and satisfying himself that the presentation was correct.

Preterea Henricus de Gedington' rector alterius medietatis ecclesie predicte opposuit se pro jure Ricardi de Cotes patroni sui ratione cujusdam ordinationis facte ut in littera inquisitionis continetur, qui venit apud Leycestriam III kalendas Marcii anno predicto, et per inspectionem matriculam episcopi intellexit quod hujusmodi ordinatio fuit personalis et non realis et ideo ab oppositione sua desistit omnino.

HAREBY. R. Robert of Branston (Braunston'), subd., p. by Brother Robert of Turvile, Master of the Templars in England, to the church of Hareby vacant by the death of William. Inst., Melton, March 14, 1282.

STOW. V. Geoffrey of Godmanchester (Gumcestre), ch., p. by the P. and C. of Sempringham to the vicarage of Stow vacant by the death of Ralph of Lindsey (Lyndeseye). Inst., Melton, March 15, 1282.

BELCHFORD, South Mediety (Belteford'). R. Michael of Littleport, subd., p. by the P. and C. of Spalding to the church of Belchford vacant by the res. of Robert of Toynton. Inst., Lincoln, March 27, 1282, with the reservation to the prior and convent of a yearly pension of fifteen shillings.

RAVENDALE. V. William of Kelstern (Celston'), ch., p. by Brother Robert, proctor of the A. and C. of Beauport, to the vicarage of Ravendale vacant by the res. of Roger of Louth. William held the vicarage *in commendam* for six months and was inst. at Lincoln, March 31, 1282.

WILSFORD PRIORY (Willeford'). Stephen of Stoke, monk of Bec, p. by the abbot of Bec to the priory of Wilsford vacant because John of Lillebonne (de Insula Bona), the last prior, had been relieved of his office by the Abbot. Bishop Sutton at first refused to confirm the prior-elect because of technical faults in his letters of presentation, but was eventually persuaded to waive his objection. Stephen was confirmed in his office at Owston Abbey, April 8, 1282.

Vacante prioratu de Willeford' per hoc quod Ymerius Abbas monasterii Beate Marie de Becco Hellewyni fratrem Johannem de Insula Bona ultimum priorem ejusdem a cura ejusdem prioratus absolverat , idem Abbas quemdam monachum suum fratrem Stephanum de Stok' ad dictum prioratum episcopo presentavit , in forma dorsi hujus rotuli inserta , quam quidem presentationem episcopus examinans illam penitus reprobavit propter illa verba *tam in spiritualibus etc . committimus* , dicens monacho presentato *oportet te querere aliam litteram competentem* , tandem vero Episcopus ad instantiam dicti presentati et quorundam aliorum ut sumptus vitaret et labores , non sequendo tenorem dicte littere presentatione , prefatum presentatum ad dictum prioratum admisit apud Oselston' coram altari Beate Marie post solis ortum , anno secundo , et priorem instituit in eodem , secundum formam a predecessoribus suis observatam , curam et custodiam dicti prioratus cum omnibus suis juris et pertinentiis eidem committendo , et scriptum fuit Archidiacono Lincoln' ut quod suum erat circa ipsius inductionem more solito exequi non tardaret , et dictus Stephanus sic institutus statim obedienciam canonicam episcopo fecit et juravit . Actum loco et anno predictis , VI idus Aprilis.

Endorsement. Letters of presentation written on behalf of Stephen of Stoke by the abbot of Bec. S. Neot's, March 23, 1282.

Reverendo patri in Christo ac domino karissimo O. dei gracia Lincoln' Episcopo , Ymerius permissione divina humilis Abbas monasterii Beate Marie de Becco Hellewyni , salutem eternam in domino cum omni reverencia et honore . Cum nos ad frequentem et assiduam dilecti in Christo filii fratris Johannis de Insula Bona commonachi nostri supplicationem et rogatum , ipsum a cura et administratione prioratus nostre de Willeford' duximus absolvendum, Idemque prioratus noster non sine gravi dampno et dispendio rectoris et custodis possit carere solacio , dilectum in Christo filium fratrem Stephanum de Stok' commonachum nostrum exhibitorem presentium , cui curam et administrationem tam in spiritualibus quam in temporalibus prioratus nostri predicti et ipsius pertinentiarum quantum in nobis est commisimus et committimus , vobis prestitamus , reverende paternitatis humiliter supplicantes ut ipsum in priorem dicti loci admittatis intuitu caritatis . Datum apud S. Neotum , X kalendas Aprilis anno domini M.CC, octogesimo primo . Valeat vestra reverenda paternitas in Domino Jhesu Christo.

HELPRINGHAM. R. Lambert of Threckingham, subd., p. by the A. and C. of Bourne to the church of Helpringham vacant by the death of William of Northborough. The right of presentation was disputed by Sir Philip of Kyme, presenting John of

Goddington, in the King's court before the itinerant justices at Lincoln. The case was settled in the abbot's favour, and a royal writ dated April 13, 1282, directed the Bishop to accept his candidate. Lambert was instituted at Buckden, April 15, 1282, on condition of renouncing the livings of Thrussington and Harby. Mention of the pension of the ten marks usually paid to the abbot and community from the church of Helpringham was omitted, as further evidence about it seemed desirable when the amount was so large. Lambert had letters patent.

Lambertus de Trikingham subdiaconus presentatus per Abbatem et Conventum de Brunna ad ecclesiam de Helpringham vacantem per mortem Willelmi de Northburg' ultimi rectoris ejusdem, facta prius inquisitio per Willelmum Archidiaconum Lincoln' per quam acceptum est inter cetera quod dicta ecclesia litigiosa est per oppositionem domini Philippi de Kyma, Johannem de Godington' clericum ad eandem ecclesiam presentantis ex adverso, litigato aliquamdiu inter partes in curia domini regis tandem recepit Episcopus breve domini regis in hec verba:—Edwardus dei gracia Rex Anglie, dominus Hybernice et Dux Aquitanie, venerabili in Christo patri O. eadem gracia Episcopo Lincoln' salutem. Sciatis quod cum Philippus de Kyma in Curia nostra coram justiciariis nostris itinerantibus apud Lincoln' summonitus esset ad respondendum Abbati de Brunne de placito quod permetteret ipsum presentare ydoneam personam ad ecclesiam de Helpringham que vacat, idem Philippus venit in eadem Curia nostra et recognovit advocationem predicte ecclesie esse jus ipsius Abbatis et ecclesie sue Sanctorum Petri et Pauli de Brunne, et ideo vobis mandamus quod non obstante reclamacione predicti Philippi ad presentationem predicti Abbatis ad predictam ecclesiam ydoneam personam admittatis. Teste J. de Vallibus, apud Lincoln' XIII die Aprilis anno regni nostro decimo. Propter quod dictus Lambertus ad dictam ecclesiam est admissus XVII kalendas Maii anno secundo apud Bukeden', et rector canonice institutus in eadem, prestito prius ab eo juramento quod postquam habuit possessionem ecclesie de qua agitur, ecclesias de Thursanton' et de Herdby quas prius habuit dimittens, de illis per se vel per alium extunc nullatenus intromittet, et super hoc scriptum fuit dicto Archidiacono etc. De pensione X marcarum quas dicti Abbas et Conventus de dicta ecclesia percipere consueverunt non fuit facta mentio, quia videbatur aliquibus quod ex sola attestacione inquisitionis sine majori discussione non debuit ecclesia onerari hujusmodi pensione, saltem ex quo fuit tam gravis, et habuit institutus litteram patentem in forma consueta.

SALEBY. V. Ranulf of Louth (Luda) p. by the P. and C. of Sixhills to the vicarage of Saleby vacant by the death of Andrew. Inst., Buckden, May 1, 1282.

RANBY (Randby). V. William of Edlington (Edelington'), ch., p. by the A. and C. of Tupholme to the vicarage of Ranby vacant by the death of William. Inst., Liddington, May 18, 1282.

XIII KALENDAS JUNII [DIE] SANCTI DUNSTANI ANNUS PONTIFICATUS DOMINI OLIVERI TERTIUS ET INCARNATIONIS DOMINI M.CC. OCTOGESIMUS SECUNDUS.

CANWICK (Canewyk). V. Anselm, p., p. by the P. and C. of S. Katherine outside Lincoln to the vicarage of Canwick vacant by the death of Hugh. Inst., Liddington, May 20, 1282.

PARTNEY (Partenay). R. John of Brockton (Brocton'), subd., p. by the A. and C. of Bardney to the church of Partney vacant by the res. of Matthew de Werclive. Inst., Stamford, May 23, 1282, and had letters patent. A yearly pension of two marks was reserved to the patrons.

WINEBY (Wynceby). R. John of Bircholt (Birelot), subd., p. by Henry de Lacy, Earl of Lincoln, to the church of Wineby vacant by the death of . . .¹. Inst., Stamford May 23, 1282.

THEDDLETHORPE ALL SAINTS (Thedelthorp'). R. Philip Le Vavasur, subd., p. by Adam de Ardern and Maud his wife to the church of Theddlethorpe All Saints vacant by the death of Master Peter Le Vavasur. Inst., Stamford, May 23, 1282.

STAMFORD, S. MICHAEL MAJOR (Sancti Michaelis majoris Stamford'). R. Provision by the Bishop of William de Hellingey of the diocese of Norwich to the church of S. Michael Major at Stamford, which was normally in the gift of the A. and C. of Crowland, vacant by the res. of John of Asfordby. A yearly pension of twenty shillings was reserved to the said abbot and convent. Newstead outside Stamford, May 26, 1282.

VII kalendas Junii anno tertio , apud Novum Locum extra Stamford' , facta de mandato Episcopi inquisitione per decanum Stamford' super vacationem ecclesie Sancti Michaelis Majoris Stamford' spectantis ad presentationem Abbatis et Conventus Croyland' ac aliis requirendis in hac parte , de qua episcopus intendebat Willelmo de Hellingey Norwyc' diocesis , pauperi clerico auctoritate apostolica providere , per quam constabat dictam ecclesiam vacare per resignationem Johannis de Asfordby ultimi

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reitoris ejusdem factam litteratorie tunc presentis , et ad presentationem dictorum Abbatis et Conventus spectare sine lite , Episcopus prefato clerico de dicta ecclesia auctoritate superscripta providit , et eam sibi assignavit et contulit pleno jure cum onere personaliter residendi et ministrandi in eadem secundum formam littere papalis , salva dictis Abbati et Conventui annua pensione viginti solidorum eis inde reddenda , sicut de jure salvari debet.

Membrane 7.

LONG SUTTON (Sutton'). V. Richard of Allington (Alindon'), ch., p. by the P. and C. of Castleacre to the vicarage of Long Sutton vacant by the res. of John of Weston. Inst., Spalding, June 12, 1282, with a reservation to the patrons of a yearly pension of one hundred shillings.

LITTLE CAWTHORPE (Calthorp'). V. Hugh of Tydd (Tidde), ch., p. by the P. and C. of Alvingham to the vicarage of Little Cawthorpe vacant by the death of Fulk. Inst., Frieston, near Boston, June 24, 1282.

BEELSBY (Belesby). R. Master Robert Heyr of Grimsby, subd., p. by Brother Ralph called Galeard, canon and proctor of Beauport, to the church of Beelsby vacant by the death of Master Richard de Faunten'. Inst., Bolingbroke, June 26, 1282, with a reservation to the patrons of a yearly pension of one mark.

ALLINGTON (Alington'). R. Robert of Thorpe, d., p. by the P. and C. of Thurgarton to the church of Allington vacant because William of Birley the last rector had not been ordained priest within a year of his institution. William appealed to Canterbury against the presentation of Robert, and the case was tried before the Dean of the Arches and settled in favour of Robert. Having received notification of this from the Dean of the Arches, Bishop Sutton instituted Robert at Stainfield, July 14, 1282, with a reservation to the patrons of a yearly pension of half a mark.

Note that William of Heanor, previously presented to the living, had received the church of Hagworthingham instead, and that Robert was thereupon presented.

Robertus de Thorp diaconus presentatus per . . . ¹ Priorem et Conventum de Thurgerton' ad ecclesiam de Adelington' de jure vacantem secundum formam littere presentatorie , facta prius inquisitione per W. Archidiaconum Lincoln' per quam constabat Willelmum de B(irley) ultimum Rectorem ejusdem post ultimum concilium Lugdun' in dicta ecclesia fuisse institutum , nec infra annum a tempore institutionis sue nec per multum tempus

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postmodum , nec etiam tempore hujusmodi processus habitu in presbiteratum ordinatum , ac propter hoc eandem ecclesiam ipso jure vacare , per episcopum declaratum fuisse in forma juris , ratione cujus declarationis inter dictum Willelmum ex parte una et Episcopum et dictum Robertum presentatum tanquam eum cujus intererat ex altera , litigato aliquamdiu in Curia Cantuar' ad quam idem W. se pro tuitione habenda finxit appellasse , demum scriptum fuit Episcopo per decanum de Arcubus London' forma que sequitur :—Reverendo in Christo patri domino O. dei gracia Lincoln' episcopo ,¹ Decanus ecclesie Beate Marie de Arcubus London' , domini¹ Officialis curie Cantuar' comissarius salutem , reverenciam cum honore . Cum nos in tuitorie appellationis negotio moto inter dominum Willelmum de Birley , qui a vobis super detentione ecclesie de Adelington' vestre diocesis contra eum ex officio procedentibus ad sedem apostolicam et pro tuitione sedem Cantuar' se appellasse suggessit , partem appellantem , ex parte una , et vos partem appellatam et Robertum de Thorp' diaconum ad prefatam ecclesiam de Alington' presentatum , super suo interesse facta fide summaria , ad ejusdem negotii defensionem in forma juris admissum ex altera , legitime procedentes , auditis meritis ipsius negotii tuitorii et plenius intellectis , prefato domino Willelmo de Birlay tuitionis beneficium juxta juris exigenciam et Curie Cantuar' consuetudinem duximus denegandum , vos et dictum Robertum quo ad suggestionem in dicto negotio ex parte sepe dicti Willelmi a Curia Cantuar' impetrata , et idem negotium a nostro examine dimittentes , vobis mandamus quatinus non obstante inhibitione quacumque a Curia Cantuar' vobis facta super dicta ecclesia de Adelington' quod vestrum sit exequi nullatenus omittatis . Datum London' die Veneris proxima post translationem Beati Thome martyris anno domini M.CC. octogesimo secundo ;—deinde prefatus Robertus ad dictam ecclesiam est admissus II idus Julii anno tertio apud Steynfeld' et rector canonice institutus in eadem , salva dictis Priori et Conventui annua pensione dimidii marce inde percipienda . Jurata episcopo canonica obediencia in forma consueta , injunctum fuit¹ Archidiacono tunc presenti quod etc . Attendendum est quod tempore declarationis vacationis dicte ecclesie fuit Willelmus de Henovere presentatus ad eandem , quo post modum promotus ad ecclesiam de Hagworthingham fuit dictus Robertus presentatus ut predicatur.

BARROWBY (Bergby). R. Master Roger of Chippenhall (Chebes-hale), ch., p. by the P. and C. of Eye to the church of Barrowby vacant by the death of William of Bedingfield (Bedingfeld'). Roger resigned his living of Horham in the diocese of Norwich and was inst. at Wragby, July 16, 1282.

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Note that the Bishop of Norwich authorised the Bishop of Lincoln to receive the surrender of the living of Horham, also that Roger had held the living of Holme next Runton (Suth Hulam) in the diocese of Norwich *in commendam* since before the Council of Lyons, as the Bishop of Norwich declared in his letter.

WEST WYKEHAM (Westwykam). V. William of Bratofte (Breytofte), ch., p. by the P. and C. of Markby, who had the right of presentation (alternately with the P. and C. of Sixhills), to the vicarage of West Wykeham vacant because Adam of Morley (Morlee) had obtained preferment in the diocese of York, as was apparent from the letters of the Archbishop of York. Inst., Markby, July 22, 1282.

SWINSTEAD (Swynested). V. Robert of Camel, d., re-presented by the P. and C. of Drax to the vicarage of Swinstead which Robert held incorrectly, since he had not been ordained priest within a year of institution. Inst., Louth, July 30, 1282. Had letters patent.

Robertus de Camel diaconus representatus per Priorem et Conventum de Drax ad vicariam de Swynested quam ipse tenuit vacantem saltem de jure et hoc propter serenationem consciencie sue, citra inquisitionem, quia satis constabat de jure presentantium et persona presentata, admissus est III kalendas Augusti anno tertio apud Ludam et vicarius perpetuus cum onere personaliter ministrandi et continue residendi canonice institutus in eadem, jurataque episcopo canonica obediencia in forma consueta, habuit super hoc litteram. Causa autem hujusmodi representationis erat quod non fuit ordinatus infra annum.

SAPPERTON (Saperton'). R. Michael of ? Burwell (Borewell'), ch., p. by the A. and C. of Crowland to the church of Sapperton vacant by the res. of Master Henry of Stoke on his institution to the church of Beeby in the Archdeaconry of Leicester. Inst., Louth, August 1, 1282.

SOUTH RESTON (Riston Sancte Edithe). R. Roger of Thorpe, ch., p. by the P. and C. of Bullington to the church of S. Edith at Reston vacant by the death of Master Everard. Inst., Louth, August 7, 1282.

KEDDINGTON (Kedington). V. John of Willingham (Wolingham), ch., p. by the P. and C. of Alvingham to the vicarage of Keddington vacant by the institution of Hugh of Tydd (Tidde) to the vicarage of Little Cawthorpe and by the res. of John of Theddlethorpe (Thechelthorp') who was first presented. Inst., Louth, August 8, 1282.

S. MICHAEL'S PRIORY OUTSIDE STAMFORD (S. Michaelis extra Stamford'). William of Stoke, monk of Peterborough, p. by the A. and C. of Peterborough as custodian of the priory of nuns dedicated to S. Michael, outside Stamford. This priory was bereft of a custodian by the res. of Brother John Roland. The Bishop took exception to the abbot's letters of presentation (which are given in full) and ordered an inquiry to be held by the official of the Archdeacon of Lincoln. As a result of this inquiry, William of Stoke was accepted and a letter (given in full) was sent to the Archdeacon ordering him to induct William as custodian. (Given at Louth August 26, 1282.) William's letters of ratification from the A. and C. of Peterborough are also given in full.

Frater Willelmus de Stok' , monachus de Burgo S. Petri , presentatus est per Abbatem de Burgo , cujus presentationem conventus loci per litteram patentem ratificavit expresse ad prioratum monialium S. Michaelis extra Stamford' vacantem per cessionem fratris Johannis Roland' qui ultimo prefectus fuit ibidem , episcopo sponte et manualiter oblatam et canonice admissam , littere quidem presentatorie forma talis est :—Venerabili in Christo patri domino O. dei gracia Lincoln' episcopo , suus in Christo filius humilis et devotus R. ejusdem dono gracia Abbas de Burgo Sancti Petri salutem et cum omni reverencia obedienciam debitam et devotam . Sancte paternitati vestre presentamus dilectum filium in Christo fratrem Willelmum de Stok' monachum nostrum latorem presentium ad prioratum monialium Sancti Michaelis extra Stamford' vacantem qui ad nostram spectat presentationem , Humiliter supplicantes et devote quatinus ipsum ad eundem prioratum admittatis in eodem instituentes , et curam si placet prioratus memorati eidem committentes , salva nobis et successoribus nostris jurisdictione in eodem juxta morem consuetam . In cujus rei testimonium presentibus sigillum nostrum duximus apponendum . Datum apud Burgum XVII kalendas Julii , anno domini M.CC. octogesimo secundo. — Super dicta quippe forma , episcopo cum consilio suo deliberante et habita super ea inter episcopum et procuratorem dicti Abbatis ac eundem presentatum altercatione , de eo quod solus Abbas dictum fratrem W. presentavit , necnon de eo quod dicitur in littera supradicta *ad prioratum* , etc , *presentamus* , non determinato qualiter ipsum presentavit , utrum ut priorem vel magistrum aut custodem ac etiam super aliis in eadem littera contentis , deinde post varia scriptum fuit¹ Officiali W. Archidiaconi Lincoln' quod in loci capitulo de jure presentantis , et modo taliter presentatum ibidem preficiendi ac aliis requirendis in hac parte diligenter inquireret pariter et de conditionibus presentati . Facta vero inquisitione et exhibita ,

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dictus presentatus secundum quod hujusmodi inquisitio fieri permisit , ad custodiam dicti prioratus est admissus comissa sibi administratione prout predecessores sui haecenus optinuerunt in eodem . Jurataque episcopo canonica obediencia , scriptum fuit dicto Archidiacono ut sequitur :—O permissione divina Lincoln' episcopus dilecto in Christo filio¹ Archidiacono Lincoln' salutem , gratiam et benedictionem . Quia custodiam prioratus monialium Sancti Michaelis extra Stamford' fratri Willelmo de Stok' monacho per Abbatem de Burgo Sancti Petri nobis ad ipsum ratificante conventu presentato , commisimus cum administratione quam predecessores sui haecenus in eodem optinuerunt , vobis mandamus quatinus quod ulterius ad vos quantum ad ipsius inductionem pertinet exequamini juxta modum circa hoc prius usitatum , salvis in omnibus priorisse loci ejusdem hiis que ad eam pertinent ab antiquo . Valete . Datum apud Ludam , VII kalendas Septembris pontificatus nostre anno tertio . Actum eisdem die et loco . — Sed attendendum est quod littera ratificationis conventus non remansit penes episcopum , tenor tamen ejus talis erat :—Universis Christi fidelibus ad quorum noticiam littere presentes pervenerint , Conventus monasterii Sancti Petri de Burgo salutem in domino . Universitati vestre notum fieri volumus per presentes nos presentationem factam per Abbatem nostrum fratri Willelmo de Stok' commonacho nostro ad prioratum monialium Sancti Michaelis extra Stamford habuisse , haberi et habituros fore ratam et acceptam . In cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostrum presentibus fecimus apponi . Datum in capitulo nostro die Lune proxima post festum translationis Sancti Benedicti abbatis , Anno domini M.CC. octogesimo secundo.

ABY. V. Peter of Immingham (Imingham), ch., p. by the Prioress and Convent of Greenfield to the vicarage of Aby vacant by the death of Henry. Inst., Louth, August 26, 1282.

KIRKBY LAYTHORPE, One mediety (Kirkeby). R. Master William of Uppingham, lately ordained subd., p. by the A. and C. of Croxden, Staffordshire, to the mediety of the church of S. Denis at Kirkby near Sleaford vacant by the death of Master Peter. The right of presentation was disputed by the Prioress and Convent of Grace Dieu in the King's court before Nicholas of Stapleton at Stamford. The case was settled in the abbot's favour, and a royal writ dated July 23 directed the Bishop to accept his candidate, who was inst. at Grimsby, September 19, 1282.

Magister Willelmus de Uppingham ordinatus in subdiaconatum die Sabbati quatuor temporum proxima post festum Exaltationis Sancte Crucis anno domini M.CC. octogesimo secundo apud

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Grimesby presentatus est per¹ Abbatem et Conventum Vallis Sante Marie de Crokesden' ad medietatem ecclesie Sancti Dionisii de Kyrkeby juxta Lafford' vacantem per mortem magistri Petri ultimi Rectoris ejusdem . Facta prius inquisitione per W. archidiaconum Lincoln' per quam acceptum est inter cetera quod dicta ecclesia litigiosa est per oppositionem Priorisse et Conventus de Gracia Dei alium ad eandem ecclesiam presentantes ex adverso . Litigatoque aliquamdiu inter partes in Curia domini Regis tandem recepit Episcopus breve domini Regis in hec verba :—Edwardus , etc . Sciatis quod Abbas de Crokesden in curia nostra coram dilecto et fidele nostro Nicholao de Stapelton' justiciario ad hoc assignato apud Staunford' recuperavit presentationem suam ad medietatem ecclesie Sancti Dionysii de Kirkeby juxta Lafford' versus¹ Priorissam de Gracia Dei per quandam assisam coram prefato Nicholao ibi inter eos captam . Et ideo vobis mandamus quod ad presentationem predicti Abbatis idoneam personam ad predictam ecclesiam admittatis . Teste N. de Stapelton' apud Staunford' XXIII die Julii anno regni nostri decimo ;—propter quod dictus Magister Willelmus ad dictam ecclesiam est admissus XIII kalendas Octobris anno tertio apud Grimesby et rector canonice institutus in eadem . Jurataque Episcopo canonica obediencia in forma consueta , Scriptum fuit dicto¹ Archidiacono , etc.

FIRSBY (Friseby). R. Master Robert of Holbeach (Holebech') p. by the A. and C. of Bardney to the church of Firsby vacant by the death of Master Walter of Gatwick (Gatewyk'). Inst., Grimsby, September 23, 1282. Note that nothing was done about a yearly pension of ten shillings mentioned in the inquisition, because the patrons made no claim to it ; this, however, did not affect the validity of their right to it.

NUN COTON PRIORY (Nuncoton). Note that after the res. of Lucy of Mablethorpe, prioress, the convent of Nun Coton elected as her successor Anne of ? Barney (Barna), who appeared before the Bishop at Thornton on September 29, 1282, for confirmation. He declared the election invalid for technical faults, but appointed Anne as prioress upon his own responsibility and ordered her installation.

Vacante monasterio prioratus de Noncotun per cessionem sororis Lucie de Malberthorp' ultime priorisse ejusdem monasterii , episcopo per litteram patentem suam sponte ac instanter oblatam , et canonice admissam , et die proxima ante festum Sancti Michaelis anno domini M.CC. LXXX secundo , ad eligendum de communi omnium de capitulo omnibus et singulis qui debuerunt , voluerunt et potuerunt interesse , invocata spiritus sancti gracia , placuit omnibus et singulis per viam scrutinii dicto monasterio de persona

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in priorissam eligenda providere , et assumptis de dicto capitulo duobus canonicis et quatuor monialibus , ut ipsi secrete et singillatim vota cunctorum perquirerent et in scriptis redigerent , et more in communi puplicarent , qui suo modo procedentes in scrutinio quem invenerant taliter qualiter puplicarent . Tandem Anna de Barna commonialis domus in qua major pars et sanior totius conventus consenserat , electa fuit in priorissam . Deinde exhibitus fuit hujusmodi electionis processus die Sancti Michaelis supra dicta apud Thornton' , ad cujus examinationem et probationis receptionem deputatis per episcopum de clericis suis certis auditoribus receptisque testibus et eorum attestationibus puplicatis , liquide compertum fuit et inventum quod dicta electio contra formam concilii generalis multipliciter fuerit acceptata . Interea deliberato super dicto processu et ipsum tangentibus ad plenum , Episcopus dictam electionem non vitio persone electe sed propter vitium electionis ipsius cassavit , justicia exigente , reservata sibi potestate prefato monasterio de persona ydonea providendi illa vice . Denique examinata persona dicte Anne , ex laudabili testimonio tam religiosorum quam aliorum fidedignorum episcopus intellexit quod eadem A. religiosa mulier et bonis moribus ac regularibus disciplinis extitit commendata , ideo eam ex jure ad ipsum devoluto auctoritate pontificali solempniter prefecit in priorissam , curam dicte domus tam in spiritualibus quam in temporalibus quantum ad sexum muliebrem pertinebat committens eidem . Jurata episcopo canonica obediencia , scriptum fuit officiali W. Archidiaconi Lincoln' ut quod suum erat circa installationem suam exequeretur et commonialibus canonicis commissis ac ceteris domus predicte ministris injungeret quod dicte Anne tanquam priorisse extunc intenderent et plenius obedirent . Actum apud Thornton' , III kalendas Octobris anno tertio.¹

CLAYPOLE, North Mediety (Cleypol). R. Robert of Sutton, subd., p. by Richard of Howell (Hauwell') to the mediety of the church of Claypole vacant by the res. of Richard of Howell (Huwelle'). Inst., Lincoln, October 5, 1282.

WAINFLEET ALL SAINTS (Waynflet Omnium Sanctorum). R. William Le Blund of Lincoln, d., p. by the P. and C. of Kyme to the church of All Saints Wainfleet vacant by the death of William of Redcroft. Inst., Nettleham, October 16, 1282. Note that in the course of the inquisition there was mentioned a pension of ten marks said to be due to the patrons.

WINCEBY (Wynceby). R. Philip of Northampton (Norhampton'), ch., p. by Henry de Lacy, Earl of Lincoln, to the church

¹ An entry follows here referring to Roxby, with the note *vacat hic que est de Archidiaconatu Stowe*.

of Winceby vacant by the death of John of Bircholt (Birclot). Inst., Stow Park, October 23, 1282.

SALMONBY (Salmanby). R. John Butwylayn, ch., p. by Sir John de Bacon, knight, to the church of Salmonby vacant by the death of Philip of Ness (Nesse). Inst., Sleaford, November 14, 1282.

HARLAXTON (Herlauston'). R. Note that Master Gilbert of Seagrave (Segrave), to whom Archbishop Peckham had collated the church of Harlaxton, with the consent of William of Stoke, canon of Salisbury, the patron, appeared before Bishop Sutton and was inst. at Wilsford, November 20, 1282.

XII kalendas Decembris anno tertio apud Wyuellesford' comparuit Magister Gilbertus de Segrave, cui dominus Johannes dei gracia Cantuar' Archiepiscopus ecclesiam de Herlauston' cujus collatio ad ipsum auctoritate concilii Lugdun' fuerat devoluta ut dicebat, salva pace sua de facto contulerat, exhibens quamdam ratificationem Willelmi de Stok' canonici Saresbur' ejusdem ecclesie de Herlauston' patroni que vicem presentationis optinuit, et ut status suos certior fieret in premissis instanter petiit ab episcopo ut de novo ipsum institueret in ecclesia predicta, cui episcopus annuit et ipsum dictis die et loco admisit et ipsum canonicè instituit in eadem. Jurataque episcopo canonica obediencia in forma consueta sic recessit sine facto ulteriore.

BISCATHORPE (Bischophthorp'). R. Richard of Washingborough (Wassingburg'), clerk of the chamber of lord H. cardinal priest of S. Laurence in Lutina, p. by the P. and C. of Durham to the church of Biscathorpe vacant by the death of Master John of ? Haxby (Axby) who had died at Rome as it was stated in the letters of the said Cardinal. Inst., in the person of his proctor Peter of Claxby, rector of All Saints in the Bail of Lincoln, Sleaford, November 21, 1282.

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GREATFORD (Gretford'). R. Gilbert of Rochester (Roffa), subd., p. by the abbess and convent of S. Mary at Winchester to the church of Greatford vacant by the res. of Saloman of Rochester (Roffa). Inst., Sleaford, November 23, 1282, with the reservation to the patrons of a yearly pension of one mark.

KIRKBY LAYTHORPE (Kirkeby-juxta-Lafford'). V. Henry of Harby (Hertheby), ch., p. by the P. and C. of Sempringham to the vicarage of Kirkby Laythorpe vacant by the death of Roger. Inst., Liddington, November 30, 1282.

WYVILLE (Wuwell'). R. Master William of Bath (de Bathon')¹ subd., re-presented by the P. and C. of Farley to the church of Wyville vacant because the said Master William had not been ordained priest within a year of institution. Inst., Liddington, November 30, 1282, and given letters patent under the small seal.

BESBY (Beseby). R. William of West Ravendale, clerk in minor orders, p. by Brother Ralph called Galeard, proctor of the A. and C. of Beauport, to the church of Beesby vacant by the institution of Master Robert, called Ayr, of Grimsby to the church of Beelsby. Ordained subd. and inst., Wycombe, December 19, 1282.

GRIMOLDBY, Mediety (Grimolby). R. Adam de Bayeux (Baiocis), clerk in minor orders, presented by Sir Elias de Rabayn, knight, to the mediety of the church of Grimoldby vacant by the death of William. Ordained subd. and inst., Wycombe, December 19, 1282.

WELBOURN (Welleburn'). R. Richard Nogent, subd., p. by the P. and C. of Eye to the church of Welbourn vacant by the death of Richard of Hevingham. The right of presentation was disputed by Sir Elias de Rabayn and Maud his wife in the King's court at Shrewsbury. The case was decided in the prior's favour and a royal writ dated November 21 directed the Bishop to accept his candidate, who was inst. at Wycombe, December 19, 1282, and had letters patent.

Ricardus Nogent subdiaconus presentatus per priorem et conventum de Eya ad ecclesiam de Welleburn' vacantem per mortem Ricardi de Hevingham ultimi rectoris ejusdem, facta prius inquisitione per W. Archidiaconum Lincoln' per quam acceptum est inter cetera dictam ecclesiam fore litigiosam per oppositionem domini Elye Rabayn alium presentantis ex adverso, inter quos litigato aliquamdiu in Curia domini Regis tandem exhibitum fuit episcopo breve domini Regis sub hac forma:—E, etc. Sciatis quod prior de Eya in curia nostra coram justiciariis nostris apud Salop' per considerationem ejusdem curie nostre recuperavit presentationem suam ad ecclesiam de Welleburn' versus Eliam de Rabayn et Matildem uxorem ejus, et ideo vobis mandamus quod non obstante reclamacione predictorum Elye et Matildis, ad presentationem predicti prioris ad predictam ecclesiam idoneam personam admittatis. Teste J. de Lovetoft apud Salop' xxi die Novembris Anno regni nostri XI. Sic est admissus XIII kalendas Januarii anno tertio apud Wicumb et rector canonice institutus in eadem. Jurataque Episcopo canonica obediencia in forma consueta, scriptum est dicto Archidiacono quod, etc. et habuit litteram patentem.

¹ *Sic*: in the previous entry the name is given as Walter Bacon. See p. 12.

COVENHAM. Brother James, monk of S. Carileph, p. by the Bishop of Durham to the priory of Covenham vacant by the death of Brother Matthew. The usual inquisition was omitted as a special mark of favour. James was inst. at Church Brampton, January 19, 1283. The text of the following three letters is given in full :—

- (1) Bishop Sutton to the Archdeacon of Lincoln directing him to install the new prior. Brampton, January 19, 1283.
- (2) Letter of institution for James. Brampton, January 19, 1283.
- (3) Letters of presentation addressed by the Bishop of Durham to Bishop Sutton. Elmstone (Edelmerston), September 16, 1282.

Frater Jacobus monachus Sancti Karilefi presentatus per venerabilem patrem Robertum dei gracia Episcopum Dunelm' ad prioratum de Covenham vacantem per mortem fratris Mathei ultimi prioris ejusdem , citra inquisitionem que omissa fuit de gracia speciali admissus est apud Brampton juxta Norht' XIII kalendas Februarii anno tertio et Prior institutus seu canonice prefectus in eadem , cura tam spiritualium quam temporalium loci ejusdem sibi plenius commissa , Jurataque Episcopo canonica obediencia in forma consueta scriptum fuit Archidiacono Lincoln' vel ejus officiali sub hac forma :—O. etc . Quia fratrem Jacobum monachum Sancti Karilefi ad prioratum de Covenham vacantem , per venerabilem patrem dominum R. dei gracia Episcopum Dunelm' nobis presentatum admisimus , ipsumque priorem canonice prefecimus in eodem , curam tam spiritualium quam temporalium loci predicti sibi plenius committentes , vobis mandamus quatinus quod vestrum est circa ipsius inductionem juxta preteriti temporis morem exequi non tardetis , Commonachis in loco predicto et ceteris ministris ibidem injungentes ut eidem de cetero tanquam priori obediant et intendant . Valet . Datum apud Brampton , XIII kalendas Februarii Pontificatus nostri anno tertio . Idem etiam habuit litteram patentem de sua institutione vel prefecione sub hac forma :—O. etc . dilecto in Christo filio fratri Jacobo monacho Sancti Karilefi salutem , grariam et benedictionem . Ad prioratum de Covenham nostre diocesis per mortem fratris Mathei ultimi prioris ejusdem vacantem ad quem nobis per venerabilem patrem dominum R. de Insula dei gracia Dunelm' Episcopum legitime presentatus existis te admittimus juxta morem preteriti temporis et priorem canonice instituimus in eodem , salvis semper in omnibus Episcopalibus consuetudinibus et ecclesie nostre Lincoln' dignitate . Datum apud Brampton XIII kalendas Februarii anno domini M.CC octogesimo secundo et pontificatus nostri tertio.—Littere autem presentationis tenor talis est :—Reverendo patri in Christo domino O. dei gracia Episcopo Lincoln' , R. ejusdem permissione ecclesie

Dunelm' minister , salutem et sincere caritatis continuum incrementum , cum desiderio complacendi . Ad prioratum de Covenham vestre diocesis vacantem et ad nostram presentationem spectantem , dilectum nobis in Christo fratrem Jacobum monachum Sancti Karilefi vobis tenore presentium presentamus , vestram paternitatem attente rogantes quatinus ipsum benigne ad dicti prioratus regimen admittatis . Conservet vos deus ecclesie sue sancte per tempora diuturna . Datum apud Edelterston' XVI kalendas Octobris anno domini M.CC. octogesimo secundo.

WOOLSTHORPE (Wolsthorp'). R. Henry of Cray (Crey), ch., p. by Sir Robert de Ros, knight, to the church of Woolsthorpe vacant by the res. of Nicholas de Ros. Inst., Church Brampton, January 23, 1283.

FULBECK (Fulebek). R. Ralph of Hagley (Haggel'), ch., p. by Eleanor the Queen-Mother to the church of Fulbeck vacant by the death of William Le Romeyn, Treasurer of Lausanne. Eleanor had the right to present to this living by a special concession made to her by John Earl of Richmond. Ralph was instituted at Banbury, January 30, 1283.

The text of the following letters is given in full :—

- (1) Letters patent of John, Earl of Richmond, granting to Queen Eleanor the right to present to the first of the churches in his patronage which should fall vacant. Dated (incorrectly) 1287, and written in French.
- (2) Letters patent of William, Bishop of Lausanne, announcing the death of William Le Romeyn on June 23, 1282.

Radulfus de Haggel' capellanus presentatus per dominam Elienoram Reginam Anglie matrem illustris Regis Anglie ad ecclesiam de Fulebek' vacantem per mortem Willelmi Romani ultimi rectoris ejusdem de qua per litteras cujusdam Episcopi de partibus transmarinis quarum tenor inferius patet , constabat , ex concessione Comitis Richmundie patroni dicte ecclesie ipsi Regine facta per eundem , de presentando ad quamcumque ecclesiam ad patronatum ipsius ratione Comitatus Richmundie spectantem proximam vacaturam , facta prius inquisitione per¹ officialem W. Archidiaconi Lincoln' per quam acceptum , etc ad dictam ecclesiam est admissus IIII kalendas Februarii anno tertio apud Bannebiry et rector canonice institutus in eadem , Jurataque Episcopo canonica obediencia in forma consueta , scriptum fuit dicto officiali quod , etc . Forma autem littere concessionis supradicte talis est :—A touz ceuz qui verrunt et orrunt cestes presentes lettres , Johan Countes de Richemund' fuiz dou

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Duc de Breteigne saluz an nostre seignur . Sachent tuit que nous donouns et otroions a tres haute dame et tres noble notre cher dame et mere Alianor par la grace de Dieu Rayne de Ingelterre mere le Roy la primere eglise ke seyt de nostre presentaciun an nostre counte de Richemund' vacaunt ou par mort ou par resignaciun dautre persone , et li donouns nostre pleyn poer de presenter a cele eglise quant ele serre voyde tele persone que ele verra suffisaunt et convenable au lavand dite eglise . En temoynage de la quele chose nous avous mis au ceste lettre notre seel . Done an lan de grace mil et deux cenz et quatrevingx et VII , Le Lundi apres la feste Saynt Nicholas destre.—Et hec littera remansit in cista sub sigillo prefate Regine . Littere autem Episcopi testificantis de morte Willelmi Romani predicti tenor talis est :—Willelmus dei gracia Lausann' Episcopus , Universis ad quos presentes littere pervenerint , salutem in domino sempiternam . Noveritis pro constanti Willelmum thesaurarium Lausann' et personam ecclesie de Fulebek' in vigilia festi decollationis beati Johannis Baptiste viam universe carnis ingressum . In cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostrum apponi fecimus huic scripto . Datum anno domini M.CC. octogesimo secundo , dominica proxima post dictum decollationis festum , que dominica dies est tertia post obitum Willelmi predicti.—

Et ista littera consimiliter remansit in cista cum dicta littera Regine.

SOUTH SOMERCOTES (Somerccotes Sancti Petri). R. Thomas of Gunness (Gunneys), ch., p. by Joan widow of Alan of Moulton to the church of South Somercotes vacant by the death of Richard of Trowell (Trowell'). The presentation was opposed by Sir John Bek, knight, John of Moulton and Thomas son of Lambert of Moulton. Joan established her right of presentation against John in the King's court at Lincoln, and against Thomas in the King's court in Boston. (Both writs are given in full.) Sir John Bek and John of Moulton then wrote to the Bishop resigning to Joan their rights of presentation on this occasion. Thomas of Gunness was therefore inst. at Banbury, February 8, 1283, and had letters patent.

Thomas de Gunneys capellanus presentatus per Johannam que fuit uxor Alani de Moleton' , custodem terre et heredis ejusdem Alani , ad ecclesiam de Somercotes Sancti Petri vacantem per mortem Ricardi de Trowell' ultimi rectoris ejusdem . Facta prius inquisitione per W. Archidiaconum Lincoln' per quam acceptum est quod dicta ecclesia litigiosa est per oppositionem domini Johannis Bek militis , Johannis de Moleton' , Thome filii Lamberti de Molton' , quorum singuli ad eandem ecclesiam diversos presentarunt , inter quos litigato aliquamdiu in curia domini Regis , tandem exhibita

fuerunt Episcopo brevia domini Regis sub continentibus infra-scriptis :—E. etc . Sciatis quod cum Johanna que fuit uxor Alani de Moleton' custos terre et heredis ipsius Alani in curia nostra coram dilectis et fidelibus nostris Johanne de Metingham et Alexandro de Trikingham justiciariis assignatis apud Lincoln' arramiasset assisam ultime presentationis versus Johannem filium Thome de Moleton' de presentatione de ecclesia Sancti Petri de Somercotes , Idem Johannes venit in eadem curia nostra et concessit quod prefata Johanna haberet presentationem suam hac vice ad ecclesiam predictam , salvo sibi jure suo alias cum inde loqui voluerit . Et ideo vobis mandamus quod non obstante reclamatione ipsius Johannis , ad presentationem prefate Johanne custodis terre et heredis predicti ad prefatam ecclesiam idoneam personam hac vice admittatis . Teste J. de Methingham apud Sanctum Botulphum , primo die Februarii anno regno nostro undecimo.—

E. etc . Sciatis quod Johanna que fuit uxor Alani de Moleton' custos terre et heredis ipsius Alani in Curia nostra coram dilectis et fidelibus nostris Johanne de Methyngham et Alexandro de Trikingham Justiciariis assignatis apud Sanctum Botulphum recuperavit presentationem suam versus Thomam filium Lamberti de Moleton' de ecclesia Sancti Petri de Somercotes per assisam ultime presentationis ibi inter eos summonitam et captam , Et ideo vobis mandamus quod ad presentationem ipsius Johanne ad prefatam ecclesiam idoneam personam admittatis . Teste J. de Metingham apud Sanctum Botulphum , primo die Februarii anno regni nostri undecimo.—

Deinde exhibita fuit quedam littera ex parte domini Johannis Bek' et Johannis de Moleton' sub hac forma :—Reverendò in Christo patri domino O. die gracia Lincoln' episcopo , sui si placet Johannes Bek et Johannes de Moleton' filius et unus de heredibus domini Thome de Moleton' de Fraunketon' salutem . Vestra noverit reverenda paternitas nos tenore presentium concessisse Johanne que fuit uxor Alani de Molton' custodi quarundam terrarum Thome de Moleton' filii sui nepotis et heredis predicti domini Thome de Moleton' defuncti presentationem ecclesie Sancti Petri de Somercotes vacantis hac vice presentandi , ad quam quidem ecclesiam eadem Johanna ad instanciam nostram presentavit dilectum clericum suum dominum Thomam de Gunneys capellanum . Quare volumus et concedimus quod prefatus clericus suus ad presentationem suam hac vice admittatur , non obstante reclamatione nostra alias inde facta , salvo tamen nobis et heredibus nostris jure nostro cum alias vacare contigerit . In cujus rei testimonium has litteras nostras vobis transmittimus patentes . Datum apud Eresby , vigilia Sancti Nicholai , anno domini M.CC. octogesimo secundo . Deinde negotio quantum ad omnes alios presentatos , eo quod non instabant , presentationibus factis de eisdem existente satis plano , dictus Thomas de Gunneys capellanus ad dictam ecclesiam est admissus , VI idus Februarii anno tertio apud Bannebiri et rector

canonice institutus in eadem . Jurataque Episcopo canonica obediencia in forma consueta scriptum fuit dicto Archidiacono vel ejus Officiali quod , etc . et habuit litteram patentem de sua institutione.

STOKE, Mediety (Stokes). R. John de Billesgate, clerk in minor orders, p. by William of Stoke (Stok'), canon of Salisbury and prebendary of Grantham Australis, to the mediety of the church of Stoke vacant because Master John Hook had been appointed Archdeacon of Bedford. Received the church *in commendam* at Fingest, December 30, 1282. Ordained subd. and inst., Eynsham, March 13, 1283, and had letters patent.

STOKE, Mediety (Stokes). R. Nicholas of Walcote (Walecote), clerk in minor orders, p. by William of Stoke, canon of Salisbury and prebendary of Grantham Australis, to the other mediety of the church of Stoke vacant by the death of Henry of Billingborough (Bilingburg'). Received the church *in commendam* at Church Brampton, January 23, 1283. Ordained subd. and inst., Eynsham, March 13, 1283. Made responsible for any pension which ought to be paid.

HIGH TOYNTON ('Tinton' Superior). R. James of Polebroke (Pokebrok'), clerk in minor orders, p. by Sir John Bek, knight, to the church of High Toynton vacant because Thomas of Gunness (Gunneys) had been inst. to the church of S. Peter at South Somercotes. Ordained subd. and inst., Eynsham, March 13, 1283.

HALTON HOLGATE (Hauton'). R. Master Ralph of Halton (Hauton), subd., re-presented by Sir Richard of Halton to the church of Halton Holgate near Bolingbroke, vacant because the said Ralph had not been ordained priest within a year of his institution. Inst., Cuddesdon, March 17, 1283. Received letters patent of institution at Oxford a few days later.

ASHBY-DE-LA-LAUNDE (Askeby). V. William of Stainsby (Stewenesby), ch., p. by the Master and brethren of the Temple in England to the vicarage of Ashby-de-la-Launde vacant by the death of Robert of Silkby (Silkeby). Inst., Oxford, March 26, 1283.

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BELTON-BY-GRANTHAM. R. Robert of Hornby (Horneby), d., re-presented by the A. and C. of S. Mary's, York, to the church of Belton vacant because the said Robert had not been ordained priest within a year of institution. Inst., Milton, April 1, 1283, and had letters patent.

WEST DEEPING (Westdeping). R. Robert of Leake (Lek'), clerk in minor orders, p. by the A. and C. of Bourne to the church of West Deeping vacant by the death of Sir William of Langtoft. Ordained subd. and inst., Milton, March 27, 1283.

RAND. R. Nicholas Burdet, clerk in minor orders, p. by Nicholas Burdet son and heir of Sir Almeric Burdet to the church of Rand vacant by the death of Geoffrey. Ordained subd. and inst. Milton, March 27, 1283.

SEMPRINGHAM. V. John of Harlaxton (Herlauston'), pr., p. by the P. and C. of Sempringham to the vicarage of Sempringham vacant by the res. of Benedict of Ringesdon (Ringesdon'). Inst., Milton, April 6, 1283.

SEMPRINGHAM, MASTERSHIP OF THE ORDER. Memorandum of the death of John of Hamerton (Hamerton'), Master of the Order of Sempringham, and of the election of Roger of Bolingbroke as his successor. The letter of presentation written on Roger's behalf in the name of the General Chapter of the Order is given in full. The Bishop, having safeguarded his episcopal rights, and consulted the records of former appointments and the terms of the papal indulgence granted to the Order, confirmed the election *per librum*. Roger then read a formal oath of canonical obedience to the Bishop. He also received letters patent, which are given in full.

The witnesses to the confirmation were, on behalf of the Bishop, as follows:—William of Langworth, canon of Lincoln, Durand of Lincoln, Jocelyn of Kirmington; Sir Robert of Thorpe, Sir William of Stockton, Sir Robert de Preus and Sir William of Brompton, rectors and chaplains; John de Scalby and Robert of Kibworth, clerks of the Bishop, and many others. On behalf of the Order the following acted as witnesses:—Alan prior of Chicksand, Ranulf prior of Alvingham, Martin of Kirton and Peter of Salden canons of the Order and Gilbert and Thomas canons of Chicksand. Elstow, April 13, 1283.

Fratre Johanne de Hamerton' magistro ordinis de Sempringham vita functo mortali Anno domini M.CC. octogesimo secundo circa finem mensis Marci, fratreque Rogero de Bolingbrok' priore de Sempringham in magistrum ejusdem ordinis electo, capitulum ipsius ordinis generale dictum Rogerum electum domino Episcopo presentavit sub hac forma:—Reverendo patri in Christo ac domino karissimo domino O. dei gracia Lincoln' episcopo, capitulum generale ordinis de Sempringham ibidem celebratum per priores et universitatem nostri ordinis, salutem cum omni honore et reverencia tanto patri debita. Cum ecclesia nostra de Sempringham nuper sicut domino placuit per mortem venerabilis patris

nostri dompni Johannis quondam magistri ejusdem ordinis pastoris solacio fuerit destituta , corpore ejusdem patris honorifice sicut decuit tradito sepulture , vocatis et presentibus postmodum in eadem ecclesia termino ad celebrandam electionem prestituto omnibus que debuerunt , voluerunt et potuerunt comode electioni interesse , cum nobis de substitutione futuri pastoris nostri sollicite curantibus et vota nostra studiosius adinvicem conferentibus , placuisset per viam compromissi seu commissi juxta statuta concilii generalis per electionem canonicam ecclesie nostre viduate providere , in dominos Rogerum priorem de Sempringham , Willelmum priorem Sancte Katerine Lincoln' , Alanum priorem de Chikesand , Ranulphum priorem de Alvingham , Simonem priorem de Sixil' , Walterum priorem de Clatercote , Robertum priorem de Malton , Adam priorem de Elerton' , Benedictum priorem de Suldham , Radulphum summum scrutatorem . Thomam subpriorem de Watton' , Martinum subpriorem de Haverholm' et Willelmum de Bilingburg' canonicos claustrales communiter consensimus et de voluntate omnium nostrorum unanimi plenam et liberam eligendi ecclesie nostre nobis et ipsis magistrum concorditer transtulimus potestatem , ut quem ipsi omnes vel major pars eorum de se vel aliis ex gremio nostri ordinis invocata Spiritus Sancti gracia vice omnium nostrum et sua ducerent vel duceret eligendum , illum absque contradictione aliqua devote receperimus in pastorem et magistrum . Qui habito inter se diligenti tractatu dompnum Rogerum de Bolingbrok' priorem de Sempingham in forma sibi data canonice elegerunt in magistrum . Quem reverende paternitati vestre tenore presentium humiliter et devote presentamus officii plenitudinem a vobis juxta sedis apostolice nobis indulta et benedictionis gratiam quam magistri nostri percipere consueverant percepturam . Datum apud Sempingham quinto idus Aprilis anno domini M.CC. octogesimo tertio.—Patenti vero littera presentationis predicta , et sigillo communi ecclesie domus de Sempingham signata idus Aprilis , scilicet die Martis proxima post dominicam in ramis palmarum anno domini M.CC. octogesimo tertio apud Elnestowe in ecclesia conventuali in corpore ecclesie ante eminens altare ibidem sub cruce , statim post missam Episcopi orto jam sole celebratam coram Episcopo sedente coram predicto altari exhibita et puplice recitata , quesitoque a dicto electo et a missis per capitulum generale predictum an alia pro introductione seu instructione ipsius negotii proponere vellent , dicebant quod non , protestantes quod ad omnia que secundum indulgentiam sedis apostolice Episcopo competiit eis facere , seu ipsis ab eodem petere in hujusmodi electionis negotio vel recipere , humiliter et devote prompti erant et parati et quod nichil aliud nec aliter petere seu recipere intendebant , Quod si forsitan per simplicitatem vel ignoranciam secus in aliqua parte attemperaverint , id pro facto habere noluerunt . Episcopus vero vice versa pro se et successoribus

suis mox protestabatur expresse quod si ipse in eodem confirmationis negotio aliquid omitteret quod ad officium suum et episcopalem dignitatem quomodolibet pertinere debebat vel minus in aliquo faceret quam debebat , quod nollet quod illud ad consequentiam vel prejudicium aliquid ullatenus traheretur vel cederet in futurum . Deinde deliberato aliquamdiu per Episcopum et clericos suos super forma confirmationis dicti fratris Johannis proximi magistri precedentis facte per Episcopum Ricardum III idus Maii pontificatus sui anno XVIII necnon super forma confirmationis fratris Patricii magistri dicti ordinis ante prefatum magistrum Johannem immediati facte per certos vicarios dicti Episcopi Ricardi in ipsius absentia in partibus transmarinis die dominica proxima ante festum Sancti Petri in Cathedra Pontificatus ejusdem Episcopi anno quarto , intellecto etiam tenore illius clausule papalis indulti fratribus et sororibus dicti ordinis concessi que de electione et confirmatione dicti magistri facit mentionem ut subsequenter annotatur :—

“ Adicimus preterea ut ei qui a vobis in Magistrum ordinis vestri electus fuerit , fratres et sorores obedienciam continuo promittant qui diocesano Episcopo postmodum presentetur ab ipso sine aliqua difficultate vel quocumque discussionis examine officii plenitudinem et benedictionis gratiam quam Magistri vestri consueverunt recipere recepturus . Quod si forsitan idem Episcopus cum devotione humiliter requisitus super hoc se difficilem exhibuerit , idem Magister nihilominus presentis privilegii et gracie nostre fretus presidio , officio et loco magistri in omnibus et per omnia plene fungatur et curam ordinis vestri gerens non obstante contradictione cujusquam in temporalibus et spiritualibus sine confirmatione alia libere administret , a quocumque superiore maluerit predictam gratiam sine examinatione aliqua cum sibi commodum fuerit recepturam.”—

Episcopus salva protestatione sua premissa ad confirmationem electionis dicti fratris Rogeri electi processit in hoc modum :—

In nomine Patris et Filii et Spiritus Sancti Amen . Quia accepimus electionem factam de religioso viro fratre Rogero de Bolingbrok' priore de Sempingham in magistrum ordinis de Sempingham electo , de persona ydonea canonice celebratam , eam auctoritate pontificali confirmamus , ipsi per hanc nostram confirmationem plenitudinem sui officii conferentes , et curam ac sollicitudinem sibi predicti ordinis committentes , salvis in omnibus episcopalibus consuetudinibus et ecclesie nostre Lincoln' dignitate . Quo facto , et ympno Te Deum statim post lectam confirmationem decantato , prestitaque benedictione simplice cum unica oratione , scilicet *Omnipotens sempiterne Deus* , dictus frater Rogerus confirmatus Episcopo canonicam obedienciam promisit et ore suo proprio legit sub hac forma :—Ego frater Rogerus magister ordinis de Sempingham promitto vobis , domino O. Episcopo Lincoln' et vestris successoribus canonicam obedienciam et debitam , salvis ordine meo ac omnibus privilegiis , libertatibus et indulgenciis nostris ,

et hoc pro parochialibus ecclesiis tantum quas ego ac priores et conventus domorum ordinis nostri in vestra diocese in usus proprios possidemus ; et libellum sponsonis sue predictæ manu sua subscriptum optulit ad altare predictum . Demum episcopus dicto fratri Rogero magistro confirmato per librum tradidit curam et sollicitudinem dicti ordinis cum suis juribus et pertinentiis , ac dictus magister ad manus Episcopi dictum librum apprehendens , illum osculatus est humiliter et devote . Huic autem processui toto die anno et loco supradictis interfuerunt ex parte Episcopi magistri Willelmus de Langewath' canonicus Lincoln' , Durandus de Lincoln' , Gocelinus de Kirnington' et domini Robertus de Thorp' , Willelmus de Stokton' , Robertus de Preus , Willelmus de Brumpton' , Rectores et capellani , ac Johannes de Scalby , Robertus de Kibbeworth' , clerici episcopi , et quamplures alii tam de familia quam extranei ; ex parte vero dicti magistri interfuerunt Alanus prior de Chikesand' , Ranulphus prior de Alvingham , fratres Martinus de Kirketon' , Petrus de Salden' , canonici ejusdem ordinis , et fratres Gilbertus et Thomas canonici de Chikesand' . Habuit vero dictus magister Rogerus litteram patentem Episcopi sub hac forma :—Universis sancte matris ecclesie filiis ad quos presens littera pervenerit , O. miseratione divina Lincoln' Episcopus salutem in domino sempiternam . Cum conventualis ecclesia de Sempringham Lincoln' diocesis nuper sicut domino placuit per mortem religiosi viri domini Johannis quondam magistri ejusdem ordinis pastoris solacio destituta , capitulum ordinis ejusdem generale dominum Rogerum tunc priorem de Sempringham ejusdem ordinis in quem per electionem canonicam juxta statuta concilii generalis unanimiter consenserant , nobis concorditer litteris suis patentibus hec omnia continentibus presentarent , nosque acceperamus dictam electionem de persona ydonea tanquam celebratam eam auctoritate pontificali confirmavimus , ipsi per nostram confirmationem plenitudinem sui officii conferentes et curam ac sollicitudinem predicti ordinis tam in spiritualibus quam in temporalibus sibi committentes , salvis in omnibus episcopalibus consuetudinibus et Lincoln' ecclesie dignitate . In cujus rei testimonium , sigillum nostrum presentibus est appensum . Datum apud Elneſtowe , idus Aprilis anno domini M.CC. octogesimo tertio.

GOXHILL (Gousel). R. Elias of Sutton, subd., p. by the P. and C. of Bridlington to the church of Goxhill vacant by the death of Stephen of Wighton (Wyghton). Inst., Buckden, April 19, 1283, and had letters patent.

CORBY. R. Walter of Overton, ch., p. by the Prioress and Convent of S. Michael outside Stamford to the third part of the church of Corby vacant because Geoffrey called Norman had

been inst. to the church of S. Mary Cray in the diocese of Rochester. Inst., Buckden, May 1, 1283, and had letters patent.

Note :—"habuit (sc. *Walterus*) litteram patentem sub magno sigillo in qua continebatur inter cetera dictas Priorissam et Conventum ejusdem portionis veras esse patronas per collationem juris patronatus a domino Gilberto Peche eisdem de novo factam."

EAST KIRKBY (*Kirkeby*). R. Benedict of Lincoln, subd., p. by Sir John Bek, knight, to the church of East Kirkby vacant because William of Lincoln had been inst. to the church of All Saints, Wainfleet. Inst. at the Old Temple, London, May 12, 1283, and had letters patent.

III' XIII KALENDAS JUNII DIE SANCTI DUNSTANI ANNUS INCARNATIONIS M.CC OCTOGESIMO III' ET PONTIFICATUS DOMINI OLIVERI QUARTUS.

MERE. R. John of Bolnhurst (*Bolehurst'*), subd., p. by Richard of Gravesend (*Graveshend'*) Bishop of London and Thomas of Northfleet (*Norfleet'*) canon of Lincoln to the church of Mere vacant by the death of Walter¹ of Dunwich (*Donewych'*). Inst., Milton, May 27, 1283. Had letters patent under the small seal.

COLD HANWORTH (*Haneworth'*). R. Master Hugh of Thurgarton (*Thurgerton*), ch., p. by the P. and C. of Thurgarton to the church of Cold Hanworth vacant by the death of Geoffrey John. The presentation was opposed by Maud Peche who, as guardian of the lands of Philip of Marton, presented another candidate. The prior established his right of presentation against Maud in the King's court at Shrewsbury, and a writ (given in full) directed the Bishop to accept his candidate. Hugh was inst. at the Abbey of S. James, Northampton, June 3, 1283.

Magister Hugo de Thurgerton capellanus presentatus per Priorem et conventum de Thurgerton ad ecclesiam de Haneworth' vacantem per mortem Galfridi Johannis ultimi rectoris ejusdem, facta prius inquisitione per W. Archidiaconum Lincoln' per quam acceptum est dictam ecclesiam esse litigiosam per oppositionem Matildis Peche alium clericum ratione custodie quarundem terrarum que fuerunt Philippi de Marton' presentantis ex adverso, inter quos litigato aliquamdiu in curia domini Regis tandem exhibitum fuit Episcopo breve domini Regis sub forma que sequitur :—Edwardus, etc. Sciatis quod Prior de Thurgerton in Curia nostra coram justiciariis nostris apud Salop' per considerationem ejusdem curie

¹ *Sic* : previously called Geoffrey. See p. 10.

nostre recuperavit versus Matildem Peche custodem quorundam partium terrarum que fuerunt Philippi de Marton presentationem suam ad ecclesiam de Haneworth'. Et ideo vobis mandamus quod non obstante reclamacione predictae Matildis ad presentationem predicti Prioris ad predictam ecclesiam personam ydoneam admittatis. Teste J. de Lovetot apud Salop' xxix die Maii anno regni nostri undecimo. Ad dictam ecclesiam est admissus III nonas Junii anno quarto apud monasterium S. Jacobi Norht' et rector canonice institutus in eadem. Jurataque Episcopo canonica obediencia in forma consueta, scriptum fuit dicto Archidiacono quod, etc.

RIPPINGALE (Repinghale). R. John Chaynel, clerk in minor orders, p. by the P. and C. of Shelford to two parts of the church of Ripplingale vacant by the death of Richard of Trowell ('Trowell'). The presentation was opposed by John Gobaud who presented another candidate. The prior established his right of presentation against John in the king's court at Shrewsbury, and a writ (given in full) directed the Bishop to accept his candidate. John Chaynel received the two parts *in commendam* on February 6, 1283. He was ordained subd. and inst. at Stamford, June 12, 1283.

Johannes Chaynel presentatus in minoribus ordinibus per Priorem et conventum de Schelford' ad duas partes ecclesie de Repinghale vacantes per mortem Ricardi de Trowell' ultimi Rectoris earundem, facta prius inquisitione per W. Archidiaconum Lincoln' per quam acceptum fuit inter alia quod dicte portiones erant litigiose per oppositionem Johannis Gobaud ad dictas portiones presentantis ex adverso, inter quos litigato aliquamdiu in Curia domini Regis, tandem exhibitum fuit breve domini Regis Episcopo sub hac forma:—E. etc. Sciatis quod cum Johannes Gobaud in Curia nostra coram Justiciariis nostris apud Salop' summonitus esset ad respondendum Priori de Schelford' de placito quod permittat ipsum presentare ydoneam personam ad duas partes ecclesie de Repinghale que vacant et ad suam spectant donationem, idem Johannes venit in eadem Curia nostra coram prefatis Justiciariis nostris et concessit quod predictus Prior primo ad presens presentet clericum suum ad predictas duas partes ejusdem et ideo vobis mandamus quod non obstante reclamacione predicti Johannis, ad presentationem dicti Prioris ad predictas duas partes ejusdem ecclesie ydoneam personam admittatis. Teste R. de Leyc' apud Salop' xvii Januarii anno regni nostri undecimo.—viii idus Februarii anno tertio apud Bannebiry habuit custodiam dictarum duarum partium ecclesie predictae usque ad ordines in septimania Pentecostis proxima sequente celebrandos, quibus celebratis apud Staumford' II idus Junii anno quarto, idem Johannes ordinatus in subdiaconatum ad prefatas duas partes ecclesie predictae est admissus,

die , anno et loco predictis , et rector canonice institutus in eisdem , Jurataque Episcopo canonica obediencia in forma consueta , Scriptum est dicto Archidiacono quod etc.

ERESBY (Ereby). Henry Dawtrey (de Alta Ripa), clerk in minor orders, p. by Sir John Bek, knight, to the chapel of Eresby vacant by the death of Hugh of Derby. Received the chapel *in commendam* March 13, 1283, and was ordained subd. and inst., Stamford, June 12, 1283.

MININGSBY (Mythyngesby). R. Reginald of Caistor (Castre), clerk in minor orders, p. by Brother Robert of Turville (Turwill'), Master of the Templars in England, to the church of Miningsby vacant by the death of Giles de Kirkecot' who had formerly been presented. Ordained subd. and inst., Stamford, June 12, 1283. Had letters patent dated June 13.

BELCHFORD, Mediety (Beltesford'). R. Robert called de Haya of Leake (Lek'), clerk in minor orders, p. by the P. and C. of Spalding to the mediety of the church of Belchford vacant because Michael of Littleport had been inst. to the church of Weston. Ordained subd. and inst., Stamford, June 12, 1283.

WESTON.¹ R. Michael² of Littleport, pr., p. by the P. and C. of Spalding to the church of Weston in Holland vacant by the death of Sir Geoffrey of Newbold. Robert de Haya, showing letters of provision, opposed this presentation. The Bishop decided in favour of Michael who was inst. at Godstow, March 17, 1283.

Vacante ecclesia de Weston in Hoyland' per mortem domini Galfridi de Neubald' ultimi rectoris ejusdem et Michaelae de Littleport presbitero per Priorem et conventum de Spalding' ad eandem ecclesiam presentato , factaque prius inquisitione per W. Archidiaconum Lincoln' , Robertus de Haya clericus qui litteras provisorias ad episcopum in forma pauperum impetraverat se opposuit , petens sibi de dicta ecclesia secundum formam litterarum apostolicarum provideri . Deinde cognito inter dictum presentatum et prefatum Robertum ac pro prefato Michaelae sententiato admissus fuit XVI kalendas Aprilis anno domini M.CC. LXXX secundo apud Godestowe et rector canonice institutus in ecclesia prenotata , a quo jurata obediencia in forma consueta , scriptum fuit Archidiacono Lincoln' quod , etc.

WILKSBY (Wilkesby). R. Matthew of Shackerstone (Schakerston'), clerk in minor orders, p. by Sir Philip Marmiun, knight, to

¹ This entry is endorsed upon the top of Membrane 9.

² Later called William. See p. 93.

the church of Wilksby vacant by the death of Master Peter of Thornton (Thorneton'). Matthew received the church *in commendam* at Buckden on April 16, 1283, was ordained subd. at Stamford, June 12, 1283, and inst., Ketton, June 13, 1283.

STAMFORD, S. JOHN (Sancti Johannis Staumford'). R. Robert of Holwell (Holewell') ch., p. by the proctor of the P. and C. of S. Fromund in the diocese of Coutances to the church of S. John at Stamford vacant by the res. of Master Geoffrey of Redenhall (Radenhale). Inst., Ketton, June 13, 1283, and had letters patent.

TIMBERLAND (Timberlund'). V. Henry de Wythorp', subd., p. by the P. and C. of Thurgarton to the vicarage of Timberland vacant by the death of Geoffrey. Ordained deacon and inst., Stamford, June 12, 1283.

BRADLEY (Bradele). R. Peter le Ruse, presented when under age by King Henry III and given the church *in commendam* with a guardian by Bishop Gravesend, was later ordained subd. and eventually instituted at Louth, July 24, 1283. Had letters patent and was allowed to remain in possession of the church without a fresh induction.

Petrus le Ruse presentatus in minoribus annis per dominum H. illustrem Regem Anglie ad ecclesiam de Bradele vacantem et hoc tempore Episcopi Ricardi qui eundem Petrum ad dictam ecclesiam admisit cum custode, deinde labente tempore dicto Petro ordinato in subdiaconatum, et majore effecto, admissus est ad dictam ecclesiam nono kalendas Augusti anno quarto apud Ludam et Rector canonice institutus in eadem. Jurataque Episcopo canonica obediencia in forma consueta, habuit litteram de institutione patentem et permissum fuit quod continuaret possessionem sine nova inductione.

GRAINTHORPE (Germethorp'). R. Master Walter of Stainsby (Staunesby), ch., p. by the P. and C. of Alvingham to the church of Grainthorpe vacant by the res. of Master William of Louth (Luda). Inst., Louth, July 24, 1283, and had letters patent.

Membrane 10.

HAGWORTHINGHAM. R. William of Heanor (Henovere), d., re-presented by the A. and C. of Bardney to the church of Hagworthingham vacant because the said William had not been ordained priest within a year of institution. Inst., Coddington, September 30, 1283, and had letters patent.

SCREDINGTON. V. William of Cainham (Cayham), ch., p. by the Dean and Chapter of Lincoln to the vicarage of Scredington vacant by the res. of William of Gidding. Inst., Lavington, October 5, 1283.

STAMFORD, S. MARY-BY-THE-BRIDGE (Sancte Marie ad pontem Staumford'). R. Ralph of Normanville (Normanville), ch., p. by the P. and C. of Durham to the church of S. Mary-by-the-Bridge at Stamford vacant by the death of Master William of Guiseley (Gisle). Inst., Liddington, October 7, 1283.

STAMFORD, S. MICHAEL MAJOR (Sancti Michaelis majoris Staumford'). R. Note that William de Hellingey in the diocese of Norwich had been provided by the Bishop to the church of S. Michael Major, of which the patrons were the A. and C. of Crowland, vacant by the res. of John of Asfordby. The church was collated to him at Newstead outside Stamford on May 26, 1282. A year later, the A. and C. of Crowland, hearing that William had not taken major orders and that he was not at the time resident, presented another candidate, Simon of Glinton, priest. William was summoned to Thorpe near Rothwell to explain his conduct but did not put forward any satisfactory excuses. The church was therefore declared vacant on October 8, 1283, and Simon was instituted at Thorpe, October 9, 1283.

Willelmo de Hellingey Norwic' diocesis pauperi clerico secundum formam mandati apostolici facta provisione per Episcopum de ecclesia S. Michaelis majoris Staumford' que est de patronatu Abbatis et Conventus Croyland' vacante per resignationem Johannis de Asfordby ultimi Rectoris ejusdem litteratorie factam et canonice commissam , et assignatione dicte ecclesie , prehabita inquisitione tam de persona dicti clerici quam vacatione dicte ecclesie , ipsius valore , et de advocacione ad quem spectabat , facta , clerico memorato in forma juris VII kalendas Junii anno tertio apud Novum Locum extra Staumford' , dicti Abbas et Conventus post annum a tempore dicte collationis facte cum onere personaliter ministrandi et residendi in eadem , prout littera provisoria requirebat , intellegentes dictam ecclesiam de jure vacare , eoque dictus Willelmus a tempore assignationis seu provisionis predictae infra annum neeum in sacerdotium immo nec in diaconatum nec subdiaconatum se fecerat ordinari , nec per momentum residat in eadem , Simonem de Glinton' presbyterum ad eam presentarunt . Deinde facta inquisitione in forma consueta et dicto Willelmo vocato ad certos diem et locum ad ostendendum si quid rationabile haberet quare dicta ecclesia premissis rationibus vacans non debebat reputari , et dicto presentato ad presentationem dictorum religiosorum conferri , quo comparente nec quicquam legitimum

pro se proponente immo nec ad interrogationes sibi factas circa materiam predictam respondere volente , VIII idus Octobris anno quarto apud Thorp juxta Rowell' declaratum fuit dictam ecclesiam de jure fore vacantem , et die sequente loco predicto dictus Simon presentatus ad dictam ecclesiam admissus fuit et rector canonice institutus in eadem . Jurata Episcopo canonica obediencia in forma consueta , scriptum fuit Archidiacono Lincoln' quod , etc.

STICKNEY (Stikeney). R. Elias de Creklawe, ch., p. by the P. and C. of Spalding to the church of Stickney vacant by the res. of Thomas of Brunton (Burnton'). Inst., in the person of William of Thorntoft his proctor, Milton, November 8, 1283.

NORTH ORMSBY. V. Adam of Winteringham, ch., p. by the P. and C. of Ormsby to the vicarage of Ormsby vacant by the death of Alan. Inst., Milton, November 13, 1283.

ANWICK (Amewick). V. Geoffrey of Scrafield (Screyfeld'), ch., p. by the P. and C. of Haverholme to the vicarage of Anwick vacant by the death of Robert. Inst., Aston, November 23, 1283.

STAINFIELD PRIORY (Steynfeld'). Note of the election of Isolde of Beelsby, sub-prioress of Stainfield, to be prioress in succession to Katherine of Dunham, who had died. Licence to elect was obtained from Eleanor the Queen-Mother as guardian of John de Percy. The Bishop declared the election invalid for technical faults but appointed Isolde as prioress upon his own responsibility. Buckingham, November 25, 1283.

Vacante monasterio de Steynfeld' per mortem sororis Katerine de Dunham , ultime priorisse ejusdem , que in vigilia apostolorum Simonis et Jude anno domini M.CC. octogesimo tertio diem suum clausit extremum , corporeque ejus die Sabbati proximo sequente tradito sepulture , petita etiam a domina Alianora matre domini Regis ratione custodie Johannis de Percy filii domini Henrici de Percy , minoris , patroni dicte domus , licencia eligendi et optenta , die lune proxima ante festum S. Edmundi Archiepiscopi , presentibus omnibus que voluerunt , debuerunt et potuerunt interesse , duabus infirmis existentibus in infirmaria vocatis tamen dumtaxat absentibus , ad electionem faciendam processum fuit , cujus processus VII kalendas Decembris anno domini M.CC. octogesimo tertio apud Bok' Episcopo exhibitus fuit , et ad ipsum probandum producte fuerunt tres testes moniales dicte domus , jurate et diligenter examine , quarum attestationibus ad petitionem Isolde de Belesby suppriorisse dicte domus electe et aliarum missarum ex parte

conventus post renunciationem ulteriori productioni pupplicatis , atque evidenter apparebat dictam electionem per formam scrutinii taliter qualiter attemptatam , inter cetera pro eo multipliciter fore vitiosam , quod pupplicationem dicti scrutinii qualiter cumque factam nulla collatio canonica in communi , immo nec electio legitima subsequebatur , hujusmodi electionem propter vitium processus ipsius et non persone , Episcopus cassavit justicia exigente , eligentes propter culpam suam eligendi potestate ea vice privando , ac sibi dicto monasterio providendi potestatem specialiter reservando . Demum Episcopus , examinata persona dicte Isolde , et a quampluribus noticiam ipsius habentibus , de bonis moribus , honesta conversatione et favore religionis laudabile testimonium quod sibi perhibebatur ac etiam quod major pars et sanior totius conventus ab initio et ex post facto totus ipse conventus consenserat , ex depositionibus ipsarum testium attendens , ipsam ex jure ad eum legitime devoluto in priorissam dicte domus solempniter prefecit , curam tam temporalium quam spiritualium ad dictam domum pertinentium quantum ad statum Priorisse pertinebat , plenius committendo , et super hoc scriptum fuit Archidiacono Lincoln' quod induceret , etc , et quod injungeret , etc.

GRANTHAM (Graham). V. William of Hagbourne (Hakburn'), ch., p. by John of Burton, precentor of Salisbury and prebendary of prebend of Grantham Borealis, to the vicarage of the said prebend vacant by the death of Robert of Hinton. Inst., Elstow, December 1, 1283.

BARTON, CHANTRY OF ST. THOMAS THE MARTYR (Cantaria altaris beati Thome Martyris in capella beate Marie de Barton). Roger of Gautby (Gouteby), ch., p. by William de la Gare, Archdeacon of Lincoln, to the chantry of the altar of S. Thomas the Martyr at S. Mary's chapel, Barton, vacant by the death of William of Clifton. Inst., Buckden, December 12, 1283.

INGOLDSBY (Ingoldeby). R. Master Peter of Medbourne (Medeburn'), clerk in minor orders, p. by the A. and C. of Crowland to the church of Ingoldsby vacant by the res. of John of Kirkby (Kirkeby). Peter received the church *in commendam* until his ordination. Ordained subd. at Brampton near Huntingdon, December 18, 1283, and inst. at Spaldwick, December 19. Had letters patent.

THEDDLETHORPE, ST. HELEN, Mediety (Thechelthorp'). R. Robert of Halton, subd., p. by John de Bosco to the mediety of the church of S. Helen at Theddlethorpe vacant by the death of Thomas of Gunness (Gunneys). Inst., York, January 10, 1284. Had letters patent.

HALTHAM-ON-BAIN (Holtham). R. Angerus de Pelleville, ch., p. by Sir Philip Marmiun, knight, to the church of Haltham-on-Bain vacant by the death of Master Thomas of Misterton (Misterington'). Inst., Stow Park, January 20, 1284.

HAWERBY (Hawardeby). R. William of Colston (Colston'), ch., p. by Brother Ralph prior of Ravendale, proctor in England of the A. and C. of Beauport, to the church of Haverby vacant by the res. of Master Richard Haulay. Inst., Stow Park, January 23, 1284.

WEST TORRINGTON (Westtyrington'). V. Walter of Baumber (Baumburg), ch., p. by the P. and C. of Bullington to the vicarage of West Torrington vacant by the death of Alan. Inst., Stow Park, January 24, 1284.

BARDNEY (Bardenay). V. Adam of Bratoft, ch., p. by the A. and C. of Bardney to the vicarage of Bardney vacant by the res. of Thomas of Kyme (Kyma). Inst., Lincoln, February 4, 1284.

SEMPRINGHAM. V. Robert of Dalbury (Dilingburg'), ch., p. by the P. and C. of Sempringham to the vicarage of Sempringham vacant by the institution of John of Harlaxton (Herlauxton') to the vicarage of Ketton. Inst., Lincoln, March 4, 1284.

WEST RAVENDALE (Westravendale). V. Ralph of Bottesford (Botilford'), ch., p. by Brother Ralph Galiard, proctor in England of the A. and C. of Beauport, to the vicarage of West Ravendale vacant by the institution of William of Colston (Colston') to the church of Haverby. Inst., Lincoln, March 4, 1284.

DUNSTHORPE (Dunsthorp'). R. William of Biscathorpe (Biscopthorp'), p. by Adam of London, William Justin and William of Fenton to the church of Dunsthorpe vacant by the res. of Ralph Pilat. Inst., Minting, March 11, 1284.

EVEDON. R. Henry of Landford (Landeford'), ch., p. by Sir Brian of Harby (Herdeby), knight, to the church of Evedon vacant by the death of Lambert. Inst., Markby, March 25, 1284.

TETFORD, Mediety (Teford'). R. Ralph of Tetford (Teford'), ch., p. by Sir Philip of Tetford, knight, to the mediety of the chapel of S. Bartholomew at Tetford vacant by the death of Michael the Chaplain. Inst., Burwell, March 28, 1284.

ROUGHTON (Ructon). R. John of Mareham (Maring'), ch., p. by Sir Philip Marmiun, knight, to the church of Roughton vacant by the institution of Angerus de Peneville¹ to the church of Haltham-on-Bain. Inst., Louth, March 31, 1284.

V' XIII KALENDAS JUNII DIE SANCTI DUNSTANI ANNUS DOMINI M.CC. LXXX QUARTUS ET PONTIFICATUS DOMINI OLIVERI QUINTUS.

SOUTH FERRIBY, Mediety (Suthferiby). R. John called Uttrith, subd., rep. by the P. and C. of Bridlington to the mediety of the church of South Ferriby vacant because the said John had not been ordained priest within a year of his institution. Inst. in the person of Nicholas of Ferriby (Feriby) his proctor, at Caldbeck (Caldebeck'), May 29, 1284.

CABOURN (Caburn'). V. William of Grimsby (Grimesby), ch., p. by the A. and C. of Grimsby to the vicarage of Cabourn vacant by the death of Vigellus. Inst., Crowland, June 1, 1284.

WADDINGTON (Wadington). R. Gerard de Wypens, clerk in minor orders, p. by Henry de Lacy (Lascy), Earl of Lincoln, to the church of Waddington vacant by the consecration of Antony Bek as Bishop of Durham. Received the church *in commendam* February 3, 1284. Ordained subd. and inst. at S. Leonard's outside Stamford, June 3, 1284. Had letters patent.

BARROW-UPON-HUMBER (Barue). V. Stephen of Thornton (Thorneton'), ch., p. by the A. and C. of Thornton to the vicarage of Barrow-upon-Humber vacant by the death of Robert. Inst., Stamford, June 3, 1284.

ROPSLEY (Roppele). R. Robert of Retford, ordained subd. on June 3, 1284, p. by Alan son of Roald and Maud his wife to the church of Ropsley vacant by the death of Master Philip of Panton. The presentation was opposed by Robert Bardolf and Lora his wife, Peter of Legbourne, Elizabeth formerly the wife of William de Neville and Robert of Kirton. Alan and Maud established their right of presentation on this occasion in the King's court at Westminster, and a writ (given in full) directed the Bishop to accept their candidate. Robert of Retford was therefore inst. at Stamford, June 3, 1284.

Robertus de Retteford , III nonas Junii anno quinto apud Staumford' ordinatus in subdiaconatum , et prius presentatus

¹ *Sic*: previously called 'de Pelleville'. See p. 51.

per Alanum filium Roaldi et Matildem uxorem ejus ad ecclesiam de Roppele vacantem per mortem magistri Philippi de Paunton' ultimi rectoris ejusdem , facta prius inquisitione per W. Archidiaconum Lincoln' per quam acceptum est inter cetera dictam ecclesiam esse litigiosam , pluribus se opponentibus , et mutuo litigantibus , in Curia domini Regis , et exhibito demum brevi domini Regis sub hac forma :—E. etc . Sciatis quod cum Robertus Bardolf et Lora uxor ejus , Petrus de Leukebourn' , Elizabetha que fuit uxor Willelmi de Nevill' et Robertus de Kirketon' summoniti essent in Curia nostra coram Justiciariis nostris apud Westmonasterium ad respondendum Alano filio Roaldi et Matildi uxori ejus de placito quod permetterent ipsos Alanum et Matildem presentare ydoneam personam ad ecclesiam de Roppele que vacat et ad suam spectat (*Membrane* 11.) donationem , iidem Robertus et Lora , / Petrus , Elizabetha et Robertus venerunt in eadem Curia nostra et concesserunt predictis Alano et Matildi hac vice presentationem suam ad predictam ecclesiam , salvo eisdem Roberto et Lore et aliis jure suo cum inde loqui voluerint . Et ideo vobis mandamus quod non obstante reclamatione predictorum Roberti et Lore et aliorum ad presentationem Alani et Matildis ad predictam ecclesiam hac vice ydoneam personam admittatis . Teste T. de Weland' apud Westmonasterium xxviii die Novembris anno regni nostri duodecimo.—ad dictam ecclesiam est admissus die , loco et anno supradictis et rector canonice institutus in eadem . Jurataque Episcopo canonica obediencia in forma consueta , scriptum est dicto Archidiacono quod , etc.

NEWTON-BY-TOFT (Neuton'). R. Thomas of Skendleby (Sken-delby), ch., p. by John son of Ralph Hall (ad Aulam) of Newton to the church of Newton vacant by the death of Bartholomew of Bucknall (Bokin hale). Inst., Garendon (Gerudon), July 6, 1284, and had letters patent.

HEMINGBY (Hemmingby). R. Thomas of Bratoft, d., rep. by Sir Thomas son of Lambert,¹ knight, to the church of Hemingby vacant because the said Thomas had not been ordained priest within a year of institution and had resigned the living. Inst., Northampton, July 16, 1284, and had letters patent.

FARFORTH (Fareford'). R. Philip of Eye (Eya), ch., p. by William le Blund and Aline his wife to the church of Farforth vacant by the death of Master Walter and the res. of their claims by Thomas of Waddington (Wadington') and Hugh of Tydd (Tydde) formerly presented. Inst., Wroxton, July 25, 1284.

¹ Of Moulton.

FOLKINGHAM. R. Master Henry of Benniworth (Benningworth'), subd., p. by the A. and C. of Bardney to the church of Folkingham vacant by the institution of William of Barton to the vicarage of Barton. Inst., Godstow, July 28, 1284, and had letters patent.

KIRKBY LAYTHORPE, Mediety (Kirkeby-juxta-Lafford'). R. Master William of Uppingham, d., rep. by the A. and C. of Croxden to the mediety of the church of Kirkby Laythorpe vacant because the said William had not been ordained priest within a year of institution. Inst., Edlesborough, August 5, 1284.

STIXWOULD (Stixwald). V. Walter of Barrow, ch., p. by the prioress and convent of Stixwould to the vicarage of Stixwould vacant by the death of Robert of Washingborough. Inst. at the Hospital of S. Katherine outside Lincoln, September 14, 1284. A full account of the stipend and provisions owing to the vicar is given.

Walterus de Barwe capellanus presentatus per priorissam et conventum de Stikeswald' ad vicariam ecclesie de Stikeswald' vacantem per mortem Roberti de Wassingburg' ultimi vicarii ejusdem, facta prius inquisitione per W. Archidiaconum Lincoln' per quam acceptum est inter cetera quod vicarius ejusdem percipiet singulis septimanis de domo de Stikeswald' nomine vicarie sue quatuordecim lagenas cervisie et septem panes qui vocantur prikkedlaves, ad victum garcionis sui, et viginti solidos annuatim ad robam, et quatuordecim solidos ad stipendia clerici sui, et ad lardarium suum sex solidos octo denarios. Item DCCC allecia et duas petras casei, unam petram butiri, dimidiam petram sepi, ducentas travas turbarum, quatuor quateria avene, decimam feni provenientis de prato quondam Galfridis Gippe, et unam daylam prati jacentem apud Littelholm' et competens hospitium juxta ecclesiam parochialem, ad dictam vicariam est admissus XVIII kalendas Octobris anno quinto apud Hospitium Sancte Katerine extra Lincoln' et vicarius perpetuus cum onere personaliter ministrandi et continue residendi canonice institutus in eadem. Jurataque Episcopo canonica obediencia in forma consueta prefatoque ab eodem Waltero juramento de continuo residendo in eadem. Scriptum est dicto Archidiacono quod etc.

CORBY.¹ Letters patent of Bishop Sutton, authorising the prioress and nuns of S. Michael's outside Stamford to appropriate the third part of the church of Corby (of which they already held two parts). The right of patronage had been already granted to them by Sir Gilbert Peche, knight. It was stipulated that all the altarage of the said third part was to go to augment the vicar's stipend. Given at Thame, November 12, 1284.

¹ This entry is endorsed.

Universis ad quorum noticiam pervenit presens scriptum Oliverus permissione divina Lincoln' ecclesie minister humilis salutem in eo per quem salus omnibus provenit et augetur , Sicut alienationes et appropriationes parochialium ecclesiarum religiosis personis de fructibus et proventibus earundem in usus suos proprios convertendis , omnibus prelatiis ecclesie Christi opido sunt exose , presertim cum nisi in manifeste paupertatis et juste cause casibus sint a jure novissimo generaliter interdicte , sic a sensu verborum contrario si paupertatis evidencia et justa causa concurrens , appropriationem aliquam hujusmodi casualiter commoneant faciendam , id fieri tam juri conveniens quam pietati consonum arbitramur . Nos igitur dilectarum in Christo filiarum¹ Priorisse et monialium monasterii Sancti Michaelis extra Staumford' nostre diocesis , quarum statui propter nimiam ipsarum paupertatem que fere cecedit in miseriam egestatis extreme pie compassionis affectu cogimur condolere , piis supplicationibus et vocibus lacrimosis quibus continue nos lacessunt inclinati favorabiliter immo tracti , et a peritis scriptum esse pariter advertentes “ naturale vitium esse negligi ab omnibus quod communiter possidetur ” , ut qui tenet pro parte existimet se nichil habere , quodque rerum communio inter plures discordie sicut scriptum est multotiens est fomentum , ex quo necessario sequitur quod quantum est rerum divisio odiosa , tantum est ipsarum redintegratio favorabilis et accepta , tertium partem parochialis ecclesie de Corby in Decanatu de Belteslawe , cujus tertie partis jus patronatus ex legitima collatione domini Gilberti Peche militis ad ipsas pauperes nunc noscitur pertinere , cujusque totius ecclesie duas partes eedem moniales ex concessione pontificali a longissimis retro temporibus in usus proprios habuerunt et habent , eisdem pauperibus monialibus pro reconsolidatione ipsius ecclesie et sedatione discordie tam necessitate quam pietate suadente auctoritate pontificali de consensu capituli ecclesie nostre Lincoln' tenore presentium duximus concedendam , ex nunc in usus suos proprios cum omnibus fructibus et proventibus suis , sibi et successoribus suis perpetuis temporibus libere convertendam . Ordinantes totum alteragium memorate partis juxta modos et conditiones ordinationis vicarie in ecclesia supradicta ex diu pretaxate , et assignantes eidem in augmentum vicarii qui pro tempore fuerunt usque quoque profuturis , salvis semper in omnibus episcopalibus consuetudinibus et ecclesie nostre Lincoln' dignitate . In cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostrum presentibus est appensum . Datum apud Tham' , II idus Novembris anno domini M.CC. octogesimo quarto , et pontificatus nostri quinto.

HALE, CHANTRY OF ST. MARY (Cantaria de Hale). Hugh of Hale, ch., p. by William of Hale, Robert of Burton, Alan of Hale, clerk, and Hugh Irnenside, parishioners of the church of Hale,

¹ Blank in MS.

and by Master Nicholas of S. Quintin, Rector of Hale, to the new chantry of S. Mary in the church of Hale. Inst., Nettleham, September 16, 1284. The form of his institution is mentioned as being endorsed upon the roll, but does not actually appear. He had letters patent under the small seal. Note that the inquisition held by the Dean of Lafford proved that Master Nicholas of S. Quintin had no right to present.

Hugo de Hale, capellanus, presentatus per Willelmum de Hale, Robertum de Burton', Alanum de Hale clericum, et Hugonem Irnenside de eadem, parochianos ecclesie de Hale, necnon et per Magistrum Nicholaum de Sancto Quintino rectorem tunc ecclesie predicte de Hale, ad cantariam beate Marie in ecclesia de Hale perpetuo faciendam, de novo ordinatam. Facta prius inquisitione per decanum de Lafford' per quam acceptum est, etc¹, ad dictam cantariam est admissus, XVI kalendas Octobris anno quinto apud Nettelham secundum formam, vim et effectum ordinationis super ea facte cujus tenor in dorso inseritur, et capellanus perpetuus cum omnibus pertinentiis canonice institutus in eadem. Jurataque Episcopo canonica obediencia in forma consueta, scriptum est dicto Decano quod eundem Hugonem corporalem possessionem dicte cantarie cum omnibus pertinentibus¹ ad eandem habere faceret et super hoc habuit litteram patentem sub parvo sigillo. Et licet predictus Magister Nicholaus ad dictam cantariam una cum aliis prenominationis presentaverit, inquisitio tamen facta in hac parte dicit quod jus non habet presentandi ad eandem prout in ordinatione predicta continetur.

EAST TORRINGTON (Esttirington'). R. Master Jordan of Ingham, ch., p. by Lady Joan de Jarpenville (Jarpenvill') to the church of East Torrington vacant by the death of Peter of Wisbech (Wisebeche). Inst., Nettleham, September 18, 1284. Note that he had held the church *in commendam* since January 29, 1284.

SOUTH KELSEY, ST. MARY (Suthkelesay Sancte Marie). R. Thomas of Thorpe, clerk in minor orders, p. by Brother William, Bailiff of Arrington, proctor of the A. and C. of S. Martin of Sées, to the church of South Kelsey vacant by the death of Antony of Thorpe who had been last presented. Master William of Sausthorpe was appointed custodian of the church and of the said Thomas until his age could be determined. Thomas was ordained subd. and inst. at Torksey, September 23, 1284.

Thomas de Thorp' presentatus per fratrem Willelmum Ballivum de Armington' procuratorem Abbatis et Conventus Sancti Martini de Sagio, in minoribus ordinibus, ad ecclesiam Sancte Marie de Suthkelesay, vacantem per mortem Antonii de Thorp' ultimo

¹ Sic.

presentati ad eandem et admissi cum custode , facta prius inquisitione per W. Archidiaconum Lincoln' per quam acceptum est , etc , datoque sibi et dicte ecclesie custode Magistro Willelmo de Sausthorp' usque ad certum tempus quia de ipsius presentati etate dubitabatur . Demum idem Thomas die Sabbati quatuor temporum proxime post festum Exaltationis Sancte Crucis , scilicet IX kalendas Octobris anno quinto in celebratione ordinum apud Torkesey in subdiaconatum ordinatus , ad dictam ecclesiam est admissus , eisdem die , anno et loco , et rector canonice institutus in eadem , Jurataque episcopo canonica obediencia in forma consueta , scriptum est dicto Archidiacono quod , etc.

GREAT COATES (Magna Cotes). R. William Hastang, clerk in minor orders, p. by the Bishop of Bath and Wells to the church of Great Coates vacant by the death of Master William of Farnham. Received the church *in commendam* June 14, 1284. Ordained subd. and inst. at Torksey, September 23, 1284.

WITHCALL (Wickale). R. John de Neville, clerk in minor orders, p., in the time of Bishop Gravesend, by Brother Roger de Vere, Prior of the Hospitallers in England, to the church of Withcall. The reason for the vacancy has not been filled in. Ordained subd. and inst. at Torksey, September 23, 1284. Had letters patent.

BUCKLAND (Bokelund'). R. William of Brampton, clerk in minor orders, p. by Sir Simon son of Ralph, knight, of South Ormsby, to the church of Buckland vacant by the res. of John of Kirkby. Ordained subd. and inst. at Torksey, September 23, 1284.

STAINBY (Sciandebý). R. Ralph son of William of Haugh (Hagh'), clerk in minor orders, p. by Sir Ralph of S. Laud (de Sancto Laudo), knight, to the church of Stainby vacant by the death of Master Walter of Gatwick (Gatewayk'). Received the church *in commendam* November 2, 1283, and was ordained subd. and inst. at Torksey, September 23, 1284.

SKENDLEBY (Skendelby). V. William of Irby (Irreby), ch., p. by the A. and C. of Bardney to the vicarage of Skendleby vacant by the death of Thomas. Inst., Stow Park, September 24, 1284.

STAPLEFORD (Stapelford'). R. Robert of Newark (Newerk'), clerk in minor orders, p. by the P. and C. of S. Katherine's outside Lincoln to the church of Stapleford vacant by the res. of Master William of Newark. As this presentation had been made in the time of Bishop Gravesend when Robert was under age, the

church had been given *in commendam* to William de la Gare, Archdeacon of Lincoln. Robert was ordained subd. and inst. at Torksey, September 23, 1284.

CLAYPOLE, North Mediety. R. Robert of Sutton, d., rep. by Richard of Howell (Huwell') son of Richard of Howell to the mediety of the church of Claypole vacant because the said Robert had not been ordained priest within a year of institution. Inst., Stow Park, September 25, 1284. Had letters patent.

SKIRBECK (Skirbek). R. Robert of Belstead (Belsted'), ch., p. by Thomas son of Lambert of Moulton (Muleton') to the church of Skirbeck lawfully vacant. Inst., Rothwell, October 11, 1284. Had letters patent.

HAMERINGHAM. R. Roger of Ridlington (Rillington'), ch., p. by the P. and C. of Bullington to the church of Hameringham vacant by the institution of Master Jordan of Ingham to the church of East Torrington. Inst., Bedford, December 8, 1284.

LUSBY (Lusceby). John of Welton (Welleton'), ch., p. by the A. and C. of Bardney to the church of Lusby vacant by the res. of Richard de la Wade. Inst., Buckden, December 16, 1284.

SLEAFORD (Lafford'). V. Robert of Whitmore (Wytemore), ch., p. by Sir John of Widdington (Wyddington'), who held the prebend of Sleaford, to the vicarage thereof, vacant by the death of Henry. Inst., Buckden, December 17, 1284. Had letters patent.

SOUTH WITHAM, Mediety. R. Robert of Geddington (Geytington'), subd., p. by Brother Robert of Turville (Turvile), Master of the Templars in England, to the mediety of the church of South Witham vacant because Roger of Doncaster (Doncastr') the last rector was not ordained priest within a year of institution. Inst., Brampton, December 23, 1284.

DALDERBY (Daldreby). R. James of Weston, clerk in minor orders, p. by Cecily widow of John of Dalderby to the church of Dalderby vacant by the res. of Master John. The presentation was at first opposed by Simon son of John of Dalderby, who afterwards withdrew his objection. James was ordained subd. and inst. at Brampton, December 23, 1284.

Jacobus de Weston, clericus, presentatus in minoribus ordinibus per Ceciliam relictam Johannis de Daldreby ad ecclesiam de

Daldreby vacantem per resignationem Magistri Johannis ultimi Rectoris ejusdem litteratorie factam et canonice admissam . Facta prius inquisitione per W. Archidiaconum Lincoln' per quam acceptum est inter cetera dictam ecclesiam esse litigiosam per oppositionem Simonis filii Johannis de Daldreby alium clericum presentantis ex adverso , quo postmodum presentationi facte de dicto Jacobo consentiente et eam expressius ratificante , prefatoque Jacobo die Sabbati quatuor temporum proxime post festum Sancte Lucie virginis scilicet X kalendas Januarii anno quinto apud Brampton' in subdiaconatum ordinato ad dictam ecclesiam est admissus die , anno et loco predictis et rector canonice institutus in eadem , Jurataque episcopo canonica obediencia in forma consueta , scriptum est dicto Archidiacono quod . etc , et habuit litteram de institutione patentem.

HOLBEACH (Holbech'). R. Bartholomew Castle, ch., p. by Lady Maud of Moulton to the church of Holbeach vacant because Antony Bek had been consecrated as Bishop of Durham. The presentation was opposed by the said Antony Bek, who presented another candidate, and by Thomas of Moulton. Maud established her right of presentation against them in the King's court at Westminster, and a writ (given in full) directed the Bishop to accept her candidate. Bartholomew was therefore given the church *in commendam* for six months, and afterwards inst. at Buckden, December 30, 1284. He had letters patent.

Bartholomeus de Castello capellanus presentatus per dominam Matildem de Moleton' dominam de Gyselaund' ad ecclesiam de Holbech' , vacantem per consecrationem domini Antonii Bek' ultimi Rectoris ejusdem in Episcopum Dunelm' , facta prius inquisitione per W. Archidiaconum Lincoln' per quam acceptum est inter cetera dictam ecclesiam esse litigiosam per oppositionem dicti domini Antonii alium clericum presentantis ex adverso , exhibitoque Episcopo post diutinam altercationem inter dictos presentantes in Curia domini Regis habitam brevi domini Regis sub hac forma :—E. etc . Sciatis quod cum Antonius Dunelm' Episcopus et Thomas de Moleton' summoniti essent in Curia nostra coram Justiciariis nostris apud Westmonasterium ad respondendum Matildi de Moleton' de placito quod permetterent ipsam presentare ydoneam personam ad ecclesiam de Holbech que vacat et ad suam spectat donationem , iidem Antonius et Thomas venerunt in eadem Curia nostra et concesserunt predictae Matildi hac vice presentationem suam ad predictam ecclesiam . Et ideo vobis mandamus quod non obstante reclamatione predictorum Antonii et Thome ad presentationem predictae Matildis ad dictam ecclesiam hac vice ydoneam personam admittatis . Teste T. de Weland' apud Westmonasterium XXI die Junii anno regni nostri XII . Episcopus

prefato Bartholomeo ecclesiam predictam usque ad sex menses secundum formam constitutionis ultimi concilii Lugdun' commendavit . Deinde predictus Bartholomeus infra prefatos sex menses rediens ad Episcopum , ad dictam ecclesiam est admissus , III kalendas Januarii anno quinto apud Buckden et rector canonice institutus in eadem , Jurataque Episcopo canonica obediencia in forma consueta , scriptum est dicto Archidiacono quod, etc , et habuit litteram de institutione patentem.

PARTNEY (Partenay). R. John of Thorpe (Thorp), clerk in minor orders, p. by the A. and C. of Bardney to the church of Partney vacant by the death of John. As John of Thorpe was a minor, William of Sausthorpe received the church *in commendam* until he should be of age. John was ordained subd. at Brampton, December 23, 1284, and inst. at Banbury, January 21, 1285. Had letters patent.

GOXHILL (Gousel). R. Alan of Grinton (Grenton'), ch., p. by the P. and C. of Bridlington to the church of Goxhill vacant because Elias of Sutton had not been ordained priest within a year of institution. Inst., Banbury, January 22, 1285, and had letters patent.

HORKSTOW (Horkestowe). R. Thomas of Freckenham, ch., p. by William, Prior of the Hospitallers in England, to the church of Horkstow vacant because Robert of Ayot had not been ordained priest within a year of institution. It had formerly been decided in the King's court that the right of presentation belonged to Eleanor the Queen-Mother as guardian of the lands and heir of Henry de Percy. The prior now successfully appealed against this verdict, which was reversed in the King's court at Bristol. A writ (given in full) directed the Bishop to accept the prior's candidate, and Thomas was inst. at Banbury, January 26, 1285. He had letters patent.

Thomas de Frakenham capellanus presentatus per fratrem Willelmum priorem Hospitalis Sancti Johannis Jerusalem in Anglia ad ecclesiam de Horkestou vacantem per Episcopum declaratam , pro eo quod Robertus de Ayeta ultimus rector ejusdem se infra annum a tempore commissi sibi regiminis in eadem post ultimum concilium Lugdun' , et ipsius artationem in regno Anglie non fecerat in presbiterum ordinari , Facta prius inquisitio per W. Archidiaconum Lincoln' per quam acceptum est , etc , negotioque aliquamdiu certa de causa manente in suspenso , ac tandem Exhibito episcopo brevi domini Regis sub hac forma :—E. etc . Cum domina Alianora regina Anglie mater nostra custos terre et heredis Henrici de Percy defuncti qui de nobis tenuit in capite , dudum in Curia nostra

coram Justiciariis nostris apud Westmonasterium recuperasset presentationem suam ad ecclesiam de Horkestowe , ratione predicti heredis infra etatem et in custodia sua existentis , versus priorem Hospitalis Sancti Johannis Jerusalem in Anglia per assisam ultime presentationis inter eos inde captam , propter quod mandatum fuit vobis vel predecessori vestro quod ad presentationem predicte regine idoneam personam ad predictam ecclesiam admitteretis , cumque ad querimoniam predicti prioris querentis in processu predicte loquele sibi injuriatum fuisse , recordum et processum ejusdem loquele inter eos inde habite , coram nobis venire fecerimus , quibus inspectis et diligenter examinatis quia nobis et consilio nostro constat evidenter , quod in processu predicte loquele manifeste fuit erratum , per considerationem Curie nostre consideratum est quod predictum judicium prius inter eos coram predictis justiciariis nostris ad Westmonasterium redditum , irritetur et adnulletur , et quod idem prior non obstante prefato priori judicio prius inter eos reddito , recuperet presentationem suam ad predictam ecclesiam cum eam vacare contigerit . Et ideo vobis mandamus quod ad presentationem predicti prioris ad predictam ecclesiam cum vacuerit idoneam personam admittatis . Teste R. de Hengham apud Bristoll' XXIII die Januarii anno regni nostri tertiodecimo :—ad dictam ecclesiam est admissus VI kalendas Februarii anno quinto apud Bannebir' et rector canonice institutus . Jurataque Episcopo canonica obediencia in forma consueta , scriptum est dicto Archidiacono quod , etc , et habuit litteram de institutione patentem.

Membrane 12.

SOUTH RESTON (Suth Riston'). R. Walter of Navenby, subd., p. by the P. and C. of Bullington to the church of South Reston vacant by the institution of Roger to the church of Hameringham. Inst., Banbury, January 31, 1285, and had letters patent.

EAST WYKEHAM (Est Wycham). V. Roger of Prestwold, ch., p. by the P. and C. of Sixhills to the vicarage of East Wykeham vacant by the death of Thomas. Inst., Banbury, January 31, 1285, and had letters patent.

S. LEONARD'S PRIORY, NEAR STAMFORD (Sancti Leonardi juxta Staumford'). Note of the presentation of Brother Robert of Wakefield as Prior of S. Leonard's by the P. and C. of Durham. Their letter of presentation is given in full. The late Prior of S. Leonard's, William Luterell, resigned because of ill-health and his letter of resignation is also given. The Bishop appointed Robert as prior at Banbury on February 1, 1285, and sent

letters to the Archdeacon of Lincoln directing the installation of the new prior. This letter also is given in full.

Vacante prioratu Sancti Leonardi extra Staumford' per cessionem fratris Willelmi Luterel litteratorie factam sub hac forma :— Reverendo patri in Christo domino O. dei gracia episcopo Lincoln', devotus filius frater Willelmus Luterel monachus Dunelm' custos celle Sancti Leonardi juxta Staumford' salutem et debitam cum honore obedienciam . Venerabili paternitati vestre per presentes significo me ob corporis mei infirmitatem ad supradicte celle custodiam ad quam per vos quondam admissus sum penitus insufficientem , Quapropter dicte custodie mercedem¹ cedo , ac eandem in manus vestre paternitatis resigno , vobis humiliter supplicando quatinus hanc meam resignationem admittere , et discretum fratrem per dominum² Priorem et Conventum Dunelm' vobis presentatum recipere dignemini . In cujus rei testimonium presentes littere patentes sigillo meo signatas vobis transmittito . Et quia sigillum meum vobis est ignotum , sigillum² Decani Christianitatis Dunelm' presentibus apponi procuravi . Datum Dunelm' die Sancti Thome apostoli anno domini M.CC. octogesimo quarto . Valeat reverenda paternitas vestra semper in domino . — et canonice admissam , fratre Roberto de Wakerfeld' monacho Dunelm' per² priorem et conventum loci ejusdem II kalendas Februarii anno quinto , ad custodiam dicte celle Sancti Leonardi presentato sub tenore infrascripto :— Reverendo patri in Christo domino O. dei gracia episcopo Lincoln', devoti filii R. prior et conventus ecclesie Dunelm' salutem et tanto patri debitam cum omni devotione reverenciam . Reverende paternitati vestre ad custodiam celle nostre domus videlicet Sancti Leonardi juxta Staumford' vacantem presentamus dilectum fratrem et commonachum nostrum dominum Robertum de Wakerfeld' , omni qua possumus affectione vestram exorantes paternitatem quatinus eundem R. ad dicte celle custodiam benigne si placet admittere dignemini , salvis nobis ecclesie Dunelm' libertatibus et ordinis in omnibus disciplina . In cujus rei testimonium presentibus sigillum capituli nostri fecimus apponi . Datum Dunelm' , Nonis Januarii , anno domini M.CC. octogesimo quarto . Valeat et vigeat reverenda paternitas vestra diu et feliciter in Christo.— Die sequente loco predicto mane eidem fratri Roberto custodiam dicte celle in spiritualibus et temporalibus Episcopus commisit , et prestito a dicto fratre Roberto juramento corporali quod Episcopo et suis officialibus obediret in canonicis mandatis , scriptum fuit Archidiacono Lincoln' vel ejus² Officiali prout sequitur :— O. etc , Archidiacono Lincoln' vel ejus officiali salutem , etc . Quia custodiam celle Sancti Leonardi juxta Stanford' vacantis per cessionem ultimi custodis ejusdem nobis litteratorie factam et

¹ The transcription of this word is uncertain.

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per nos canonice admissam , dilecto in Christo filio fratri Roberto de Wakerfeld' monacho Dunelm' duximus committendam , curam ejusdem celle tam in spiritualibus quam in temporalibus concedentes eidem , vobis mandamus quatinus ipsum fratrem Robertum corporalem possessionem loci predicti tanquam ipsius custodem habere faciatis , commonachis et confratribus ibidem commorantibus injungentes vice nostra ut eidem plenius obediant et intendant . Valete . Datum apud Bannebir' kalendis Februarii , pontificatus nostre anno V.

WITHAM-ON-THE-HILL (Wytham). V. Richard of Kaber (Kabir'), d., p. by the P. and C. of Bridlington to the vicarage of Witham-on-the-Hill vacant by the institution of Alan to the church of Goxhill. Inst., Buckden, April 2, 1285.

THEDDLETHORPE ST. HELEN, Mediety (Thethelthorp' Sancte Elene). R. Robert of Halton, subd., rep. by John de Bosco to the mediety of the church of S. Helen, Theddlethorpe, vacant because the said Robert had not been ordained priest within a year of institution. Inst., Buckden, April 6, 1285, and had letters patent.

SCRAFIELD (Screychesfeld). R. Hugh of Denford, ch., p. by Sir John of Bath (de Bathonia), knight, to the church of Scrafield vacant by the death of Thomas of Holbeach (Holbech'). Inst., Biggleswade, April 8, 1285, and had letters patent.

LUDFORD PARVA (Parva Ludeford'). R. Osbert of Ludford (Ludeford'), ch., p. by John of Sotby (Sotteby) to the church of S. Peter at Ludford vacant by the death of Nicholas. Inst., Biggleswade, April 11, 1285.

MIDDLE RASEN DRAX (Media Rasen). V. William of Wilbarston (Wilberston'), ch., p. by the P. and C. of Drax to the vicarage of Middle Rasen Drax vacant by the death of Robert of Stoke (Stokes). Inst. at the Old Temple, London, April 23, 1285.

VI. XIII KALENDAS JUNII DIE SANCTI DUNSTANI ANNUS DOMINI M.CC. OCTOGESIMUS QUINTUS ET PONTIFICATUS DOMINI OLIVERI SEXTUS.

SILK WILLOUGHBY (Wylweby). R. Hugh de Bohun, clerk in minor orders, p. by Sir Theobald of Stixwold (Stikeswald'), knight, to the church of Silk Willoughby vacant by the death of Ralph. Ordained subd. and inst. at Hertford, May 20, 1285. Had letters patent.

CLAXBY BY NORMANBY (Claxeby). R. Robert of Rasen, clerk in minor orders, p. by Thomas Brayboef to the church of Claxby vacant because Reginald called Brayboef had resigned in order to join the Dominicans. Ordained subd. and inst. at Hertford, May 20, 1285. Had letters patent.

WISPINGTON (Wyspington'). R. Henry of Wheatley, clerk in minor orders, p. by Sir John Bek, knight, to the church of Wispington vacant by the death of Michael of Northampton, and by the fact that John of Yarmouth, who held the church according to the form enrolled upon the custody roll, had not taken the trouble to get himself instituted. Henry received the church *in commendam* and was later ordained subd. and inst. at Hertford, May 20, 1285. Had letters patent.

Henricus de Whetele clerico presentatus in minoribus ordinibus per dominum Johannem Bek' militem ad ecclesiam de Wyspington' vacantem tam per mortem Michaelis de Norht' qui quondam tenuit eandem, quam per hoc quod Johannes de Gernemue qui post mortem dicti Michaelis custodiam dicte ecclesie de temporibus in tempora sub certa forma in rotulo custodiarum contenta habuerat, se in prefata ecclesia institui juxta formam predictam non curavit aliququaliter procurare. Facta prius inquisitione per W. Archidiaconum Lincoln' per quam acceptum est, etc. Episcopus certa de causa commisit eidem presentato custodiam sequestri sui in dicta ecclesia usque ad mensem post pascham proxime sequens¹ Demum idem Henricus die Sabbati quatuor temporum in septimana Penticostis, scilicet XIII kalendas Junii anno sexto apud Herteford' in subdiaconatum ordinatus, ad dictam ecclesiam est admissus, eisdem die, anno et loco, et rector canonice institutus in eadem. Jurataque Episcopo canonica obediencia in forma consueta, scriptum fuit dicto Archidiacono vel ejus Officiali quod, etc¹. Et habuit litteram de institutione patentem.

NORMANBY-LE-WOLD (Normanby). R. Richard of Sleaford (Lafford'), ch., p. by Thomas Brayboef to the church of Normanby vacant by the death of Simon. Inst., Buckden, June 12, 1285.

SOUTH FERRIBY, Mediety (Suth Feriby). R. John of Ellington (Elinton'), ch., p. by the P. and C. of Bridlington to the mediety of the church of South Feriby vacant because John called Uttrede of Scarborough (Scardeburch') had not been ordained priest within a year of his institution. Inst., Buckden, June 18, 1285.

¹ recte sequentem.

FRIESTON (Freston'). V. Robert of Stoke (Stokes), ch., p. by H. prior of Crowland, John of Titchmarsh (Tichemers) and Alexander the Precentor, proctors of the Abbot of Crowland, to the vicarage of Frieston vacant by the death of Richard of Haddon. Inst., Buckden, July 1, 1285.

BIGBY (Bekeby). R. Master John Wacelin, rep. by Antony of Sausthorpe (Sauthorp) Archdeacon of Stow, proctor of Sir Robert Wacelyn,¹ knight, to the church of Bigby vacant because the said Master John had not been ordained priest within a year of institution. Inst., Leicester, July 9, 1285. Had letters patent.

LITTLE PONTON (Parva Paunton'). R. Nicholas of Warmsworth (Wermeswrth'), ch., p. by Sir Philip of Ponton, knight, to the church of Little Ponton vacant by the res. of Baldwin of Mortimer (de Mortuo Mari). Received the church *in commendam* and was later inst. at Sempringham, July 17, 1285.

ELSHAM PRIORY. Note of the election of William of Barton, sub-prior of Elsham, to be prior in succession to William of Coates who had resigned. Licence to elect (although the brethren declared that it was not strictly necessary) was obtained from Sir John Dyve, knight. The Bishop declared the election invalid on account of extremely incorrect procedure, but appointed William of Barton as prior upon his own responsibility. Grimsby, September 6, 1285.

Vacante prioratu de Elsham per cessionem fratris Willelmi de Cotes ultimi prioris ejusdem in manibus Episcopi III nonas Septembris anno domini M.CC. octogesimo quinto sponte oblatam et canonice admissam, Supprior et canonici dicte domus citra petitionem licencie a patrono dicti monasterii quam petere minime consueverunt, ut dicebatur, die ad eligendum statuto, et presentibus omnibus qui de jure et consuetudine interesse debebant, et invocata Spiritus Sancti gracia ad electionem de priore faciendam procedentes, fratrem Willelmum de Barton suppriorem ejusdem domus per viam scrutinii suo modo elegerunt. Deinde ejusmodi electionis processu, una cum littera domini Johannis Dyve militis patroni dicte domus, quod electioni facte de memorata persona tribuerat assensum, VIII idus Septembris anno predicto apud Grimesby Episcopo ad examinandum exhibito, super cujus probatione admissis testibus et examinatis, quia de plano inventum fuit quod hujusmodi electio contra formam juris, adeo informiter et multipliciter vitiose extitit attemptata, quod nequaquam meruit dici electio, Episcopus non vitiis persone electe sed solum ob vitium processus electionis ejusdem illam irritam et prorsus nullam pronuntiavit justicia exigente, eligentes propter culpam suam eligendi

¹ *Sic.*

ea vice privans per decretum , dicto monasterio providendi de persona ydonea sibi tanquam proximo superiori specialiter reservando . Demum examinata persona dicti fratris Willelmi cui de honesta conversatione sub observantia regulari per plures annos , neenon bonis moribus et zelo religionis testimonium laudabile perhibebatur , Episcopus VIII idus Septembris loco et anno predictis ex jure ad ipsum ex causa pretacta legitime devoluto eundem fratrem W. in Priorem monasterii de Elsham prenotati prefecit auctoritate pontificali , administrationem spiritualium et temporalium domus supradicte sibi plenius committendo , quibus peractis et munere confirmationis juxta morem impenso , idem Prior juravit Episcopo et suis Officialibus canonicam obedienciam , et scriptum fuit Archidiacono Lincoln' vel ejus Officiali ut quod suum esset circa installationem , etc , et quod injungeret , etc.

BOLINGBROKE (Bolingbrok'). R. Henry of Keddington (Kedington'), ch., p. by the P. and C. of Spalding to the church of Bolingbroke vacant by the death of Master Richard. Inst., Louth, September 9, 1285.

HEALING (Heylinges). R. Simon of South Ferriby (Suthferiby), ch., p. by John of Healing to the church of Healing vacant by the death of Ralph. Inst., Stickney, September 16, 1285, and had letters patent.

GEDNEY (Gedenay). R. John de Curiato, ch., p. by the A. and C. of Crowland to the church of Gedney vacant by the res. of Sir John of Kirkby. The presentation was opposed by Simon Constable. The abbot established his right of presentation on this occasion in the King's court at Westminster, and a writ of this court directed the Bishop to accept his candidate. John de Curiato was therefore inst. at Stixwoud, September 17, 1285, saving the rights of the vicar of Gedney, and had letters patent. The form of his letters of induction was enrolled upon the memoranda roll.

Johannes de Curiato capellanus presentatus per¹ Abbatem et Conventum Croyland' ad ecclesiam de Gedenay vacantem per resignationem domini Johannis de Kirkeby ultimi Rectoris ejusdem , facta prius inquisitione per W. Archidiaconum Lincoln' per quam acceptum est inter cetera dictam ecclesiam esse litigiosam per oppositionem domini Simonis Constapl' jus (*Membrane 13.*) presentandi sibi vendicantis ad eandem , exhibitoque postmodum Episcopo brevi domini Regis sub hac forma :—E. etc . Sciatis quod cum Abbas de Croyland' in Curia nostra coram Justiciariis nostris apud Westmonasterium summonitus esset ad respondendum Simoni le Conestable de placito quod permetteret ipsum presentare

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ydoneam personam ad ecclesiam de Gedenay , idem Simon venit in eadem Curia et concessit ei hac vice presentationem suam ad eandem ecclesiam , Et ideo vobis mandamus quod ad presentationem ipsius Abbatis ad predictam ecclesiam hac vice idoneam personam admittatis . Teste T. de Weyland' apud Westmonasterium xxvi die Junii anno regni nostri tertiodecimo :—demum ad dictam ecclesiam est admissus XV kalendas Octobris anno sexto apud Stikeswald' , et rector canonice institutus in eadem , salvis in omnibus statu vicarie ejusdem ecclesie et ipsius vicarii tunc inibi instituti , Jurataque Episcopo canonica obediencia in forma consueta , scriptum est dicto Archidiacono vel ejus Officiali seu Decano Hoyland' quod unus ipsorum quem primum adire contingeret ac requiri , prefatum J. tanquam rectorem corporalem dicte ecclesie habere faceret possessionem , et nichilominus habuit litteram de institutione patentem . Forma vero littere inductionis continetur in rotulo memorandorum dicti anni.

LUSBY (Lusceby). R. John of Lincoln, clerk in minor orders, p. by the A. and C. of Bardney to the church of Lusby vacant because John the last rector had received other preferment. John received the church *in commendam* August 18, 1285. Ordained subd. and inst. at the church of S. John in Newport, Lincoln, September 23, 1285. Had letters patent.

HUTTOFT (Hotoft). V. John of Theddlethorpe ('Thethelthorp'), ch., p. by the P. and C. of Markby to the vicarage of Huttoft vacant by the death of Robert. Inst., Lincoln, September 22, 1285.

TOYNTON ST. PETER, South Mediety ('Taynton' Inferior). R. Master Peter of Roughton (Ruchton'), ch., p. by Sir John Bek, knight, to the mediety of the church of Toynnton S. Peter vacant because Henry of Keddington (Kedington') had been inst. to the church of Bolingbroke. Inst., Nettleham, September 27, 1285.

SWALLOW (Swalve). R. Master William of Stutfield (Stutevill'), d., p. by Sir Robert Lascelles (de Lacels), knight, to the church of Swallow vacant by the death of Thomas Lascelles. Inst., Nettleham, September 28, 1285, and had letters patent.

LEGBOURNE PRIORY (Lekeburn'). Note of the election of Petronella of Saltfleetby to be prioress in succession to Isolde of Lincoln who had resigned. The Bishop declared the election invalid on account of technical faults, but appointed Petronella as prioress upon his own responsibility. Nettleham, September 25, 1285.

Vacante prioratu de Lekeburn' per cessionem sororis Isolde de Lincoln ultime priorisse ejusdem in manibus Episcopi apud Lekeburn', III Idus Septembris anno sexto, sponte factam et canonice admissam, electioneque facta de sorore Petronilla de Salflethby in Priorissam domus ejusdem, solum propter vitium processus electionis predictae apud S[ti]keswald'¹ XV kalendas Octobris anno predicta cassata et totaliter nulla pronunciata, eligentibus ea vice eligendi ob culpam suam potestate privatis, et providendi dicte domui de Priorissa Episcopo reservata potestate, per diutinam deliberationem et missionem ad domum de Lekeburn' de persona magis ydonea ad officium Priorisse indaganda, Episcopus tandem VII kalendas Octobris anno predicto apud Nettelham prefatam Petronillam quam major et sanior pars conventus optaret assumi in Priorissam, jure ad ipsum devoluto occasione pretacta auctoritate pontificali prefecit in Priorissam, curam dicti monasterii in spiritualibus et temporalibus quatenus congruit sexui muliebri sibi plenius committendo, prestito a dicta sorore Petronilla juramento, quod Episcopo et suis Officialibus obediret in canonicis mandatis, scriptum fuit Archidiacono Lincoln' ut quod suum esset circa ipsius installationem etc, quodque injungeret, etc.

GREENFIELD PRIORY (Grenefeld). Note of the election of Sara of Willoughby to be prioress in succession to Joan of Eyworth who had resigned. The Bishop declared the election invalid on account of technical faults, but appointed Sara as prioress upon his own responsibility. Nocton, October 5, 1285.

Vacante monasterio de Grenefeld' per spontaneam cessionem domine Johanne de Eyeworth' ultime priorisse ejusdem factam in manibus Episcopi et ab eo canonice admissam, presentatoque processu electionis facte sicut dicebatur de domina Sarra de Wylgby moniale dicte domus, eademque electione tanquam contra formam juris attemptata, cassata et irrita pronunciata, justicia exigente, eligentibus propter culpam suam eligendi ea vice potestate privatis, providendique dicto monasterio episcopo tanquam superiori facultate specialiter reservata, Episcopus post diligentem indaginem factam de persona preficienda, intelligens quod dicta Sarra erat etate matura, habebatque de religionis sinceritate bonis moribus et honesta conversatione, laudabiliter testimonium, preter hoc quod conventus in ejusdem Sarre electione unanimiter consenserat suo modo, ipsam jure ad eum devoluto ratione pretacta in Priorissam dicti monasterii prefecit auctoritate pontificali, curam ejusdem loci in spiritualibus et temporalibus quatenus congruit sexui muliebri eidem plenius committendo. Deinde prestito a dicta domina Sarra juramento quod domino Episcopo et suis Officialibus obediret in canonicis mandatis, Scriptum fuit Archi-

¹ MS. torn.

diacono Lincoln' ut quod suum esset circa ipsius installationem , etc , et quod injungeret , etc . Datum in monasterio de Noketon' , III Nonas Octobris Anno domini M.CC. octogesimo quinto.

BRANSTON¹ (Braunceton'). V. Letters patent of Bishop Sutton, ordering the re-consolidation of the vicarage of Branston to the rectory thereof, on the death of Godfrey of Mere the Vicar. Sleaford, October 12, 1285.

The letters patent of Bishop Henry of Lexington, by whom the vicarage was constituted, are given in full. In them the Bishop, with the consent of Sir John d'Eyncourt the patron and Roger d'Eyncourt the rector, ordained a vicarage at Branston to which the rector was to have the right of presentation. On the death or res. of the incumbent the vicarage was to lapse. The vicar's stipend was settled, with the provision that he and the rector were to settle all outstanding matters by amicable arrangement, subject to the Bishop's authority. Godfrey of Mere was inst., Spaldwick, April 3, 1256. Witnesses :—Master Robert of S. Agatha, Official of Lincoln ; Master David of S. Frideswide, Archdeacon of Derby ; John of Derby, Roger of Cave, Sir William of Hampton, ch., canons of Lincoln ; Sir Peter of Stamford, Sir John of Reston, Sir Gilbert of Leicester, Sir Hugh of Shelton and Sir John de Mar'. with other clerks.

Universis sancte matris ecclesie filiis ad quos pervenerit presens scriptum , Oliverus permissione divina Lincoln' Episcopus , salutem in omnium salvatore . Universitati vestre notum facimus per presentes quod nos litteras bone memorie domini Henrici predecessoris nostri non cancellatas , non abollitas , nec in aliqua parte vitiatas inspeximus , forma que sequitur continentes :—Omnibus Christi fidelibus ad quos presens scriptum pervenerit , Henricus permissione divina Lincoln' Episcopus salutem in domino sempiternam . Noverit universitas vestra nos de assensu expresso et pura ac spontanea voluntate domini Johannis de Eyncurt militis tunc patroni ecclesie de Braunceton' nostre diocesis et Rogeri de Eyncurt clerici per ipsum patronum nobis ad ipsam ecclesiam presentati , et a nobis ad eandem admissi , et postmodum per nos in eadem ecclesia canonice instituti , auctoritate pontificali ordinasse , quod in ecclesia prefata de Braunceton' sit vicaria , in qua ydoneus vicarius ad nominationem nostram per presentationem dicti rectoris instituti per nos instituatur , qui suo perpetuo eandem vicariam inferius annotatam cum suis pertinentiis optineat libere et quiete . Nos autem dictam vicariam taxando taliter ordinamus , videlicet quod dictus vicarius percipiat et habeat omnes proventus totius altaragii dicte ecclesie de Braunceton' et decimas molendinorum ejusdem parochie , et totam decimam

¹ This entry is endorsed.

provenientem de Barlingemuth' et medietatem totius terre ad dictam ecclesiam pertinentis per viros fidedignos inter dictos Rectorem et Vicarium equaliter dividende , que quidem totalis terra preter pratum dicitur consistere in undecim bovatas terre , quod quidem pratum ad dictas terras dominicas ecclesie integre pertinens , dictus vicarius plene et integre percipiat et optineat cum omnibus aliis aysiamentis in pratis , neuter ab altero decimas aliquas majores seu minores exigit quoquo modo . Dictus vero Rector cetera omnia ad dictam ecclesiam pertinentia integre percipiat , omniaque onera ordinaria et extraordinaria undecumque dictam ecclesiam contingentia sustineat omnino . Cedente vero vel decedente dicto vicario hac vice per nos instituendo , consolidetur dicta vicaria integraliter personatui ecclesie supradicte . Ad hanc autem ordinationem nostram plenius adimplendam , dictus Rector necnon et Godefridus capellanus , cui dictam vicariam in forma premissa ad presens contulimus , et vicarium instituimus in eadem , se per suum sacramentum corporaliter coram nobis prestitum firmiter obligarunt , nosque ipsos ad hoc compellendi et quoscumque contradictores de plano et sine judiciali strepitu compescendi per censuram ecclesiasticam et sequestrationem fructuum dicte ecclesie et etiam interpretandi et declarandi si quid dubium fuerit in premissis , nobis et successoribus nostris potestatem liberam reservamus . Premissa autem omnia ordinamus , salvis in omnibus episcopalibus et Lincoln' ecclesie dignitate . In cujus rei testimonium presenti scripto sigillum nostrum duximus apponendum . His testibus ; Magistris Roberto de Sancta Agatha tunc officiale Lincoln' , David de Sancta Fredeswyda Archidiacono Derebeye , Johanne de Dereby , Rogero de Cava , Domino Willelmo de Hampton' capellano , canonicis Lincoln' , Dominis Petro de Staumford , Johanne de Riston' , Gilberto de Leyre' , Hugone de Schelton' , Johanne de Mar' et aliis clericis . Datum apud Spaldewyk' III nonas Aprilis , M.CC. L sexto et pontificatus nostri secundo.— Nos igitur ut quod in serie ordinationis predicte circa articulum reconsolidationis vicarie que fuit in ecclesia predicta , aliquibus dubium vel obscurum videtur , nostre interpretationis seu declarationis eloquio faciamus apertum , vicariam eandem que juxta verba ordinationis ipsius per mortem quondam Godefridi de Mere vicarii ejusdem ecclesie in eadem cessavit , ex nunc apertius auctoritate pontificali tenore presentium rectorie reconsolidamus eidem . In cujus rei testimonium atque robur , sigillum nostrum presentibus est appensum . Datum apud Lafford' IIII idus Octobris , anno domini M.CC. octogesimo quinto.

NEWSTEAD PRIORY, NEAR STAMFORD (Novus Locus extra Staumford'). Note of the election of Robert of Stamford to be prior of Newstead in succession to Hamo who had joined the Dominicans. The Bishop declared the election invalid on account

of extreme irregularity, September 17, 1285, at Mere. He then upon his own responsibility appointed Peter of Barham, canon of Bourne, to be prior of Newstead, on September 30, 1285, at Nettleham.

Vacante prioratu de Novo Loco extra Staumford' per ingressum fratris Hamonis ultimi prioris ejusdem in ordinem fratrum predicatorum, exhibitoque XVI kalendas Octobris anno sexto processu electionis facte sicut dicebatur de fratre Roberto de Staumford' canonico dicte domus in ejusdem loci priorem, productis duobus testibus ad probandum hujusmodi processum, quibus juratis et examinatis, eorumque attestationibus pupplicatis, invento quod canonici dicti loci ad electionem per viam scrutinii faciendam consenserant, quodque in processu suo adeo multipliciter commiserant, quod id quod pro electione presentarunt nequaquam dici meruit electio, Episcopus ejusmodi electionem nuncupatam XV kalendas Octobris anno predicto apud Marum nullam esse et viribus omnino carere pronunciavit, justitia exigente, eligentes ea vice eligendi potestate privans per decretum, providendi eidem prioratui de priore sibi facultatem specialiter reservando. Deinde deliberato plurimum de persona ydonea illuc proficienda, et intellecto quod frater Petrus de Berham canonicus de Brunna qui ejusdem ritus cum illis de Novo Loco extitit, ydoneus foret ad regimen prioratus supradicti, scriptum fuit Abbati de Brunna, quod dicto fratri Petro injungeret, ut ad Episcopum personaliter accedere non tardaret, recepturus que sibi duceret injungenda, nisi aliquid canonicum obstaret, quem cum litteris dicti Abbatis in forma pretacta ad Episcopum personaliter accedentem in Priorem loci, de quo agitur, preficit auctoritate pontificali, curam ejusdem in spiritualibus et temporalibus sibi plenius committendo, a quo quidem priore prestito juramento quod Episcopo et suis officialibus obediret in canonicis mandatis, Scriptum fuit Archidiacono Lincoln' ut quod suum esset, etc, et quod injungeret, etc. Facta autem fuit hec prefectio II kalendas Octobris, anno domini M.CC. octogesimo quinto apud Nettelham.

SUTTERTON. V. William of Langtoft (Langetoft'), ch., p. by the A. and C. of Crowland to the vicarage of Sutterton vacant because Robert of Belstead (Belsted') had been inst. to the church of Skirbeck. Inst., Sleaford, October 8, 1285.

MAVIS ENDERBY (Endreby). R. Richard, vicar of Mavis Enderby, p. by Alan called Malebisse to the church of Mavis Enderby. The position of rector had been granted under the ordinance of Bishop Lexington to Master Richard, rector of Bolingbroke, with an annual pension of a hundred shillings. The vicarage was now re-united with the living, and Richard of Mavis Enderby was inst. at Sleaford, October 13, 1285.

Ricardus vicarius ecclesie de Endreby presentatus per Alanum dictum Malebisse ad pensionem annuam centum solidorum quam Magister Ricardus quondam Rector ecclesie de Bolingbrok' pretexto cujusdam ordinationis per bone memorie Henricum Episcopum in eadem ecclesia optinuit nomine personatus . Facta prius inquisitione per W. Archidiaconum Lincoln' per quam acceptum est , etc , ad prefatam pensionem sive personatum ejusdem portionis ad reliquam partem quam idem presentatus prius habuit in ecclesia de Endreby memorata expresse consolidata et perpetuo redintegrata , admissus est III idus Octobris anno sexto apud Lafford' et in tota ecclesia integraliter rector canonice institutus . Jurataque Episcopo canonica obediencia in forma consueta , scriptum est dicto Archidiacono vel ejus Officiali quod , etc.

Low TOYNTON (Tynton'). R. Ralph of Thimbleby, ch., p. by Henry de Schaddeworth' and Joan his wife to the church of Low Toynton vacant by the death of Ralph of Healing. The presentation was opposed by Robert Charnels and Amabel his wife. Henry and Joan established their right of presentation in the King's court at Westminster, and a writ (given in full) directed the Bishop to accept their candidate. Ralph was therefore inst. at the Old Temple, London, on October 28, 1285, and had letters patent. Note that as one inquisition had already been made at the presentation of Robert and Amabel, another was not necessary.

Radulphus de Thimelby capellanus presentatus per Henricum de Schaddeworth' et Johannam uxorem suam ad ecclesiam de Tynton' inferiori vacantem per mortem Radulphi de Heyling' ultimi rectoris ejusdem . Facta prius inquisitione per W. Archidiaconum Lincoln' per quam acceptum est dictam ecclesiam esse litigiosam , per oppositionem Roberti Charnels et Amabilie uxoris sue , alium clericum ad eandem presentantium ex adverso , exhibitoque postmodum Episcopo post diutinam altercationem habitam in Curia domini Regis inter partes predictas brevi domini Regis sub hac forma :—E. etc . Sciatis quod Henricus de Chadde-worth' et Johanna uxor ejus in curia nostra coram Justiciariis nostris apud Westmonasterium per considerationem ejusdem Curie recuperaverunt presentationem suam ad ecclesiam de Nethere Tinton' versus Robertum Charnels et Amabiliam uxorem ejus . Et ideo vobis mandamus quod non obstante reclamacione predictorum Roberti et Amabilie ad presentationem predictorum Henrici et Johanne ad predictam ecclesiam idoneam personam admittatis . Teste T. de Weyland' apud Westmonasterium XXI die Octobris anno regni nostri XIII ;—ad dictam ecclesiam est admissus IIII kalendas Octobris¹ anno sexto apud Vetus Templum London'

¹ sic recte Novembris.

et rector canonice institutus in eadem . Jurataque Episcopo canonica obediencia in forma consueta , scriptum est dicto Archidiacono vel ejus Officiali quod , etc . et nichilominus habuit litteram de institutione patentem . Et est sciendum quod dictus presentatus fuit expeditus per inquisitionem factam ad presentationem partis adverse , et non per inquisitionem , quia ille ad tunc non redierat.

BENINGTON IN HOLLAND (Bennington') R. William of Paris (Parys), d., p. by Sir John of Bath (Bathonia), knight, to the church of Benington in Holland vacant by the death of Peter of Yattendon (Jatingden'). Inst. at the Old Temple, London, November 4, 1285. Had letters patent.

HUNDLEBY (Hundelby). V. Alan of Stixwould (Stikeswald'), ch., p. by the prioress and convent of Stixwould to the vicarage of Hundleby vacant because Master Peter had been inst. to the mediety of the church of Toynton. Inst., Theydon, November 30, 1285.

FULSTOW (Folestowe). R. Master Robert Marmiun rep. by Sir Roger Lascelles (Lascels), knight, to the church of Fulstow vacant because the said Robert had not been ordained priest within a year of institution. Ordained d. and inst. at Brampton near Huntingdon, December 22, 1285. Had letters patent.

STAMFORD, S. PAUL (Sancti Pauli Stanford'). R. Bartholomew of Stamford (Staunford'), ch., p. by Thomas, rector of S. Peter's, Stamford, and proctor of the P. and C. of S. Fromund's in the diocese of Coutances, to the church of S. Paul, Stamford, vacant by the res. of John Pilat. Inst., Brampton, December 22, 1285.

TEALBY (Thevelby). V. John of Sixhills (Sixil), d., p. by the P. and C. of Sixhills to the vicarage of Tealby vacant by the institution of Richard of Sleaford (Lafford') to the church of Normanby. Inst., Brampton, December 22, 1285.

BLOXHOLM (Bloxham). R. Robert of Sawtry (Sautre), in minor orders, p. by Sir Peter de Grelle, knight, to the church of Bloxholm vacant by the institution of William of Alconbury (Alkemundbir') to the church of Thorpe Le Vale. Ordained subd. and inst. at Brampton near Huntingdon, December 22, 1285.

LANGTOFT (Langetoft). V. William of Slipton, ch., p. by the A. and C. of Crowland to the vicarage of Langtoft vacant by the institution of William the last vicar to the church of

Sutterton and by the res. of Richard of Corby who was the first to be presented. Inst., Buckden, January 10, 1286.

TOFT NEAR BOURNE (Toft). R. John of Barnack (Bernak'), subd., p. by the A. and C. of Crowland to the church of Toft vacant by the death of Nicholas de Pekko. Inst., Buckden, January 15, 1286. Had letters patent.

S. MICHAEL'S PRIORY OUTSIDE STAMFORD (Sancti Michaelis extra Staumford'). Note of the election of Maud of Lynn to be prioress of S. Michael's in succession to Elizabeth who had resigned. Although the nuns had obtained the consent of the Abbot of Peterborough to the election the Bishop declared it invalid on account of irregular procedure. He then appointed Maud as prioress upon his own responsibility. Buckden, January 14, 1286, is given as the date of the examination of the procedure.

Vacante monasterio S. Michaelis extra Staumford' per cessionem sororis Elizabethæ ultime prioris ejusdem in manibus Episcopi III Nonas Januarii anno domini M.CC. octogesimo quinto apud Bukkeden' sponte, presentialiter, instanter ac pure oblatam et canonicè admissam, scriptoque supprioris et conventui dicti loci quod ad personam idoneam sibi eligendam in priorissam procederent secundum deum, XIX kalendas Februarii anno predicto apud Bukkeden' comparuit personaliter soror Matildis de Lenna in priorissam ut dicebatur electa, una cum tribus commonialibus exhibens solum quamdam litteram¹ Abbatis de Burgo Sancti Petri patentem per quam constabat quod electioni de eadem sorore Matilde facte prebuerat assensum, cumque ex parte ipsius electe vel conventus domus sue nichil aliud esset exhibitum vel petitum, Episcopus simplicitati earundem monialium compatiens suis clericis examinationem processus electionis commisit, qui tres moniales comites dicte electe ad probandum hujusmodi processum se offerentes admiserunt et examinerunt in forma juris; cumque per earundem testimonium attestaciones publicatas constaret, quod die electionis facte saltem quarto idus Januarii anno predicto ad electionem memoratam processum fuisset secundum consuetudinem domus, electis per suppriorissam quatuor de senioribus domus de tacito consensu conventus ad eligendum duodecim moniales de conventu que priorissam elegerent tanquam commissarie, de cu di² compromisso cum per dictas testes constare non posset, quod de aliqua commissione vel compromissione processum fuerat modo legitimo, ita quod nec aliqua electio communis fuerat subsecuta. Episcopus hujusmodi processu una cum ipsam contingentibus plenius examinato quicquid attemptatum fuit in processu predicto, solum propter ipsius vitium

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et non propter defectum persone juris necessitate compulsus totaliter irritum et penitus nullum pronunciavit iusticia suadente , eligentes propter culpam suam eligendi ea vice potestate privando , et eidem prioratui de priorissa providendi facultatem sibi specialiter reservando . Deinde examinata persona prefate Matildis , et a suis consorioribus tunc presentibus et aliis personis honestis ipsius noticiam habentibus , de meritis et conditionibus ejusdem facta indagine diligenti , quia acceptum fuit quod ipsa honesta extitit et inter omnes de eo[dem]¹ conventu iudicio hominis magis ydonea habebatur , quodque totus conventus ipsam Matildem ad officium Priorisse unanimiter approbat , eam idem in priorissam dicti loci jure ad ipsum devoluto prefecit auctoritate pontificali , curam spiritualium et temporalium quantum ad sexum pertinebat muliebrem sibi plenius committendo . Demum solita solemnitatem secuta , ad sancta ewangelia juravit Episcopo et suis officialibus obediencia in canonicis mandatis , et scriptum fuit Archidiacono Lincoln' ut quod suum esset circa installationem , etc , et quod injungeret , etc.

INGHAM.² R. Hugh, son of Master Durand of Lincoln, subd., p. by the A. and C. of Bullington to the church of Ingham vacant by the res. of Master Thomas of Louth (Luda). Inst., in the person of Robert of Kibworth (Kibbeworth) his proctor, Buckden, January 21, 1286. Had letters patent.

DIGBY (Diggeby). V. Odo of Ruskington (Riskington'), ch., p. by the P. and C. of Catley to the vicarage of Digby vacant by the death of William of Muskham. Inst., Spaldwick, January 26, 1286.

CAISTOR (Castre). V. Nicholas of Darlington (Derlington'), ch., p. by Master Adam of Brampton (Brempton), prebendary of Caistor, to the vicarage of Caistor vacant by the death of Walter of Burgh (Burgo). Inst., Biggleswade, February 3, 1286.

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DONINGTON NEAR SPALDING (Dunington'). V. Note that on the death of Guy of Montigny, rector of Donington, the Templars claimed the right to appropriate the church and to set up a vicarage to which they should have the right of presentation. After the Archdeacon of Lincoln had held an inquisition into the revenues of the church (which are given in full), a form of ordination of the vicarage was drawn up after discussion between the Bishop and John de Moune, preceptor of Temple Bruer and proctor of Robert of Turville, Provincial Master of the Templars. This

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² Marginal note "vacat hic."

interview took place in London, February 16, 1286. The Templars promised to pay the vicar, as well as his share of the tithes, an annual stipend of twenty shillings, to find him a house, and to help with the upkeep of the fabric of the chancel. The Bishop reserved to himself the right to interfere in any dispute which might arise, and to augment the vicar's stipend if necessary.

Robert of Turville then presented Ralph of Ellerker, ch., to the vicarage. His letter of presentation, dated at Bisham, January 2, 1286,¹ is given in full. Ralph was inst. at Lutterworth, March 29, 1286. The letters of induction directed to the Archdeacon contained the substance of the ordination of the vicarage.

Vacante ecclesia de Dunington' in Hoylandia per mortem Guidonis de Montiniaco ultimi rectoris ejusdem , fratribusque militie templi asserentibus dictam ecclesiam eisdem ipsius ecclesie cedente vel decedente rectore auctoritate sedis apostolice legitime fuisse appropriatam , salva congrua portione de proventibus prefate ecclesie usibus perpetui vicarii in ea instituendi assignanda , et super hoc varia instrumenta exhibentibus , ex parte eorundem fratrum fuit instantius supplicatum ut de vero valore omnium et singulorum proventuum dicte ecclesie inquisito diligenter , vicaria in dicta ecclesia secundum ipsius facultates competens ordinaretur , ad quam Magister militie templi in Anglia personam ydoneam temporibus successivis Episcopo posset presentare . Deinde facta super hiis per W. Archidiaconum Lincoln' inquisitione diligenti , per quam acceptum fuit quod decima lane et agnorum , V marcas , decima molendinorum , unam marcam , decima casei et butiri XVIII solidos , decima vaccarum , vitulorum , pullanorum , porcellorum , aucarum , pullorum , navicularum , caretтарum , pistorum , braciaticium , mercatorum , piscationum , captionum avium , cum oblatione candelarum die Purificationis LX solidos , decima sa[lis]² XXX solidos , decima lini et canabi II marcas , oblationes consuete per quatuor dies anni solempnes V marcas , minute oblationes ex devotione facte XL solidos , collecta [arre]ragii² annuatim triginta solidos , de qua inveniri debent cerei in cancello cum cereo paschali , et alio lumine in eodem necessario , una cum lampade ante magnum altare , [et]² possunt hujusmodi luminaria inveniri de XXIII libras cerei per annum , et denarii beati Petri valent per annum X solidos IX denarios , de quibus solvendi sunt Archidiacono sex solidi et² denarii ; Mortuorum vero eo quod casualium nesciebatur estimatio , et quod deserviri consuevit dicta ecclesia per unum capellanum et unum clericum preter aque bajulum ; de consensu fratris Roberti de Turvile , tunc Magistri militie Templi in Anglia , XIII kalendas Marci anno domini

¹ *Sic*. The date seems too early.

² MS. torn.

M.CC. octogesimo quinto , London' existentis , quibus die et loco Episcopus vicariam dicte ecclesie ordinavit prout sequitur , fratre Johanne de Moune preceptore de Brueria hujusmodi negotium nomine dicti magistri prosequente . Videlicet , quod exceptis decimis garbarum , feni , lane , agnorum et salis , dictis fratribus ex hac ordinatione duntaxat remansuris , ceteros quoscumque proventus predictos una cum mortuariis universis et decima lini et canabi sive in croftis sive in toftis sive in agris parochie predictae ecclesie , sive post carucam sive pedis foditionem seminentur , et alias obventiones quascumque si que fuerint et qualitercumque provenerint , vicarius ex hujusmodi ordinatione consimiliter percipiat et sue portioni perpetuo deputantur . Dicti vero fratres templi cancellum sustinebunt , reficient et cooperient quotienscumque refectione et coopertura uno modo vel alio indiguerit in futuro et pro omnibus extraordinariis dictam ecclesiam in posterum contingentibus in solidis satisficient et res(pon)debunt¹ , ac vicario mansum competentem eorundem sumptibus decenter edificatum assignabunt in loco congruo et honesto . Solvent etiam annuatim per preceptorem de Brueria dicto vicario ad augmentum portionis sue XX solidos ad festum Sancti Michaelis , vicarius autem onera ordinaria debita et consueta , utputa procuracionem Archidiaconi , 'Quasimodo' 'Letare Jerusalem' et si qua sint similia una cum libris et ornamentis ecclesie inveniet ac plenius exhibebit . In hac quidem ordinatione si quid obscurum , dubium vel ambiguum operuerit , id interpretandi et declarandi ac etiam portionem dicte vicarie augmentandi , si insufficiens fuerit , Episcopus sibi potestatem reservavit expresse . Demum dictis Magistro et Preceptore hujusmodi ordinationem approbantibus et acceptantibus , idem magistrum Radulfum dictum de Ellerker capellanum ad dictam vicariam taliter ordinatam presentavit sub hac forma :—Reverendo patri in Christo domino O. dei gracia Lincoln' Episcopo , suus si placet frater Robertus de Turvile militie Templi in Anglia Magister humilis salutem et tanto patri reverenciam in omnibus et honorem . Ad vicariam ecclesie parochialis de Dunington' vestre diocesis vacantem et ad nostram presentationem spectantem , reverende paternitati vestre dilectum capellanum nostrum dominum Radulfum dictum de Ellerker presentamus , supplicantes humiliter quatinus quod in hac parte vestrum est exequentes , dictum R. pietatis intuitu et nostre presentationis optentu ad dictam vicariam admittere , et ipsum perpetuum vicarium canonice instituere velit in ecclesia memorata . Valeat et vigeat vestra reverenda paternitas semper in Christo . Datum apud Bisilisham domum templi , IIII nonas Januarii anno gracie M.CC. octogesimo quinto.—Ad quam quidem presentationem facta inquisitione per W. Archidiaconum Lincoln' de persona presentata , quia de aliis articulis requirendis satis constitit per premissa per quam acceptum

¹ MS. torn.

est , etc , dictus Radulfus ad prefatam vicariam est admissus IIII kalendas Aprilis anno sexto apud Luttrewrth' et vicarius perpetuus cum onere personaliter ministrandi et continue residendi canonice institutus in eadem . Jurataque Episcopo canonica obediencia in forma consueta , prestitoque a dicto Radulfo juramento de continue residendo in eadem , scriptum est dicto Archidiacono quod , etc , et est sciendum quod in littera Archidiacono directa continebatur vis totius ordinationis supradicte.

INSTRUMENT CONCERNING THE APPROPRIATION OF THE CHURCH OF DONINGTON (Instrumentum super appropriatione ecclesie de Dunington)¹ . Letters patent of the abbot of S. Radegund's, acting as colleague of Master Hugh of Mortimer, canon of London, who was ill, delegate of the Papal Legate Ottobono. These quote a letter of the Legate, dated at London, July 2, 1268, which in its turn quotes a bull of Clement IV directing Ottobono to allow the Templars to appropriate three churches in England for the upkeep of the Order, provided that in each case a vicarage should be set up. This bull is dated at Viterbo, March 15, 1268. The three churches designated by Ottobono as suitable for appropriation are Kellington and Ribston in the diocese of York and Donington in the diocese of Lincoln. The abbot therefore demands that the said churches, when vacant, should be made over to the Templars, reserving to himself, in virtue of his powers as the Legate's representative, the right to establish or tax the said vicars as far as his power allows, and to settle any disputes arising out of the mandate. The letter is dated at London in the Chapterhouse of the Cathedral, July 11, 1268. It was drawn up by Luke de Wartmaun, notary public, and sealed in the presence of Master William Passemore, canon of London, Master Ralph of Ivinghoe, Official of the Archdeacon of London, Master Bartholomew of the Larder, Master Nicholas of Catesby, Master Arnold of Fraxinum, Master Gerard of Parma, notary public, Brother William of Preston, canon of S. Radegunde's, and Richard de Follen'.

Universis presentes litteras inspecturis ,² dei gracia monasterii Sancte Radegundis premonstratensis ordinis Cantuar' diocesis Abbas , subdelegatus in hac parte venerabilis patris domini O. sancti Adriani diaconi Cardinalis apostolice sedis legati una cum discreto viro magistro Hugone de Mortuo Mari canonico London' cum illa clausula " vobis vel alteri vestrum " , salutem in domino . Noverit universitas vestra quod nos mandatum reverendi patris ejusdem domini O. Sancti Adriani diaconi cardinalis apostolice sedis Legati in se mandatum apostolicum eidem domino Cardinali directum continens suscepimus in hec verba :—Ottobonus miseratione divina Sancti Adriani diaconus Cardinalis apostolice sedis

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legatus , discretis viris Abbati Sancte Radegundis ordinis premonstratensium Cantuar' diocesis et Magistro Hugone de Mortuo Mari canonico London' salutem in salutis auctore . Litteras domini pape recepimus in hec verba :—Clemens Episcopus servus servorum dei dilecto filio O. Sancti Adriani diacono cardinali apostolice sedis Legato , salutem et apostolicam benedictionem . Subsunt cause multiplices rationabiles et motive quibus inducimur , ut ordinem militie templi favoribus apostolicis prosequamur . Dilecti namque filii Magister et fratres ipsius ordinis redemptoris nostri deputati servicio pro catholice fidei et Terre Sancte defensione continue militantes , personas proprias adversus ejusdem fidei hostes preter assiduos labores quos in hujusmodi exercitio subeunt , exponere non formidant . Hiis igitur necnon gravibus immensisque dispendiis que crucis inimici eidem ordini hactenus intulerunt et frequenter inferunt ac inferre nituntur , benigna consideratione pensatis , dignum duximus ut eundem ordinem a tantis afflictionibus et pressuris per apostolice provisionis gratiam in aliquo relevemus . Ideoque discretioni tue per apostolica scripta mandamus , quatinus tres ecclesias tue legationis in quibus idem ordo jus optinet patronatus , et de quibus juxta tue discretionis arbitrium videris expedire , et ex quarum proventibus necessitatibus domus templi valeat congruum provenire subsidium , prefatis Magistro et fratribus seu procuratori eorum nomine suo et dicti ordinis eo modo auctoritate nostra per te vel alium seu alios assignare procures , ut cedentibus vel decedentibus earum Rectoribus ipsas diocesani vel cujusquam alterius nullatenus requisito consensu accipere valeant per seipso et perpetuo propriis usibus applicare , ita tamen quod in eis instituantur perpetui vicarii statutis temporibus in presbiteros promovendi , et unicuique . ipsorum de proventibus ecclesiarum illarum congrua portio de qua sustentari comode et tam episcopalia quam Archidiaconalia et cetera dictarum ecclesiarum onera supportare valeat , assignetur , non obstante si aliquibus debeat apostolica vel alia quavis auctoritate de beneficiis ecclesiasticis vel ecclesiis provideri , quibus quoad assecutionem aliarum occasionum nolumus per hoc prejudicium generari , seu si aliquibus quod interdicti , suspendi vel excommunicari non possint per litteras apostolicas non facientes plenam et expressam de indulto hujusmodi mentionem , a sede apostolica sic indultum et qualibet alia indulgentia dicte sedis de qua cujusque toto tenore de verbo ad verbum in presentibus fieri debeat mentio specialis , contradictores per censuram ecclesiasticam appellatione postposita compescendo . Nos enim ex nunc decernimus irritum et inane si super hiis apostolica vel alia quavis auctoritate secus extiterit attemptatum . Datum Viterbii idibus Martii pontificatus nostri anno quarto . — Cum igitur de Kelington' et de Ribesteyn' et de Dunington' Ebor' et Lincoln diocesum ecclesiarum proventibus in quibus iidem Magister et fratres jus optinent , patronatus earum

necessitatibus expedire credamus , assignationem ipsarum juxta formam nobis traditam , vobis vel alterius vestrum duximus committendam . Datum London' VI nonas Julii pontificatus domini Clementi pape quarti anno quarto . — Volentes igitur dictum mandatum humiliter susceptum cum omni qua decet reverencia effectui debito mancipare , cum de impotencia dicti Magistri Hugonis nobis constet ad plenum , supradictas ecclesias de Kelington' et de Ribesteyn' et de Dunington' auctoritate nostra in hac parte commissa dictis Magistro et fratribus prefate militie templi ac eorum procuratori seu administratori generali qui vulgariter Magister fratrum militie templi in Anglia nuncupatur , in presencia nostra constituto secundum tenorem mandati apostolici antedicti assignamus , ut cedentibus vel decidentibus earum rectoribus ipsas diocesani vel cujusque alterius nullatenus requisito consensu accipere valeant per seipsos et perpetuo perpetuis usibus applicare . Sepredictum etiam Magistrum in Anglia de ipsis ecclesiis per librum investimus ex nunc , ut ex tunc cum effectu procedat cum vacaverint . Reservata nobis postestate ordinandi et taxandi de vicariis in eisdem pro loco et tempore competenti prout potestas nobis super hoc concessa requirit . Reservamus insuper nobis potestatem exequendi super omnibus et singulis dictum mandatum contingentibus quotiens ab eisdem fratribus fuerimus requisiti , et interpretandi dubia , et faciendi et exequendi contra ea per que dicta assignatio impediri valeat vel differri . In cujus rei testimonium , presentes litteras per Lucam de Wartmaun¹ notarium publicum infrascriptum scribi fecimus , et in publicam formam redigi , nostrique sigilli munimine jussimus roborari . Datum London' in capitulo ecclesie Cathedralis London' anno domini M.CC. LX octavo , Pontificatus domini Clementis pape IIII anno quarto , Indictione undecima , Presentibus discretis viris Magistro Willelmo Passemore canonico London , Magistro Radulfo de Ivingho , Officiale venerabilis viri domini Archidiaconi London , Magistro Bartholomeo de Lardario , Magistro Nicholao de Cateby , Magistro Arnaldo de Fraxino , Magistro Gerardo de Parma notario publico , fratre Willelmo de Preston , canonico nostro , et Ricardo de Follen' clericis testibus ad hoc vocatis specialiter et rogatis . Et ego Lucas de Wartmaun apostolice sedis publicus notarius habens potestatem ab eadem sede dandi , actores et curatores emancipandi , decreta interponendi , adjuncta decernendi , publicationes instrumentorum et testium faciendi , et assignationi et predictis omnibus interfui , et de mandato dicti domni Abbatis ac ad preces prefati magistri militie templi subscripsi , et in publicam formam redegi , meique nominis signum feci.

BLANKNEY (Blaunkenay). R. Henry of Alveley (Elvesley), subd., p. by the P. and C. of Thurgarton to the church of Blankney

¹ Uncertain. MS. faded.

vacant by the death of John of Widdington (Wyddington). Inst., Goring, March 8, 1286. Had letters patent.

SUTTERBY. R. Ralph of Sausthorpe (Sausthorp'), ch., p. by the Prioress and Convent of Chester to the church of Sutterby vacant because John of Skeffington (Skeftington') who had custody of the church did not want to be instituted. Inst., Bingham, April 2, 1286.

LUDFORD MAGNA (Ludeford'). V. Richard of Bleasby (Bleseby), ch., p. by the P. and C. of Sixhills to the vicarage of the church of S. Helen at Ludford Magna vacant by the death of Geoffrey. Inst., Stow Park, April 9, 1286.

SWINESHEAD (Swynesheved). Richard of Stamford, ch., p. by Lady Avis de Grelle, in right of her dower which included the manor of Swineshead, to the chapel of S. Adrian at Swineshead vacant by the death of Master William Gimer. An inquisition by the Archdeacon of Lincoln determined the value (which is given) of the living, and showed that an annual pension of ten shillings ought to be paid from it to the A. and C. of Sées. Richard was inst. at Lincoln, April 11, 1286, and had letters patent.

Ricardus de Stanford' capellanus presentatus per dominam Hawysiam de Grelle ratione dotis sue in manerio de Swynesheved de quo cum omnibus pertinentiis suis et juribus totaliter est dotata, ad capellam Sancti Adriani de Swynesheved vacantem per mortem Magistri Willelmi Gimer qui ultimo tenuit eandem, facta prius inquisitione per W. Archidiaconum Lincoln' per quam acceptum est quod proventus dicte capelle consistunt in perceptione duarum partium decime garbarum et feni de dominicis terris spectantibus ad dictum manerium de Swynesheved provenientis, et duarum partium decime lane et agnorum de eodem manerio pertinentium et omnium oblationum in eadem capella factarum et in octo acris terre que annuatim ad tresdecim solidos estimantur, quodque pensionaria existit in decem solidos Abbati et Conventui de Sesse annis singulis persolvendis, ad dictam capellam est admissus III idus Aprilis anno sexto apud Lincoln', et rector seu administrator perpetuus canonice institutus in eadem. Jurataque Episcopo canonica obediencia in forma consueta, scriptum est dicto Archidiacono quod eundem Ricardum in corporalem dicte capelle et omnium pertinentium ad eandem induceret seu induci faceret possessionem, et habuit litteram de institutione patentem.

EDLINGTON (Edelington') V. Ralph of Horncastle (Horne-castr'), ch., p. by the A. and C. of Bardney to the vicarage of Edlington vacant by the institution of Ralph of Thimbleby

(Thymelby) to the church of Toynton. Inst. at the Old Temple, London, April 27, 1286.

KIRKBY LAYTHORPE, Mediety (Kirkeby juxta Lafford'). R. Master William of Uppingham, d., rep. by the A. and C. of Croxden to the mediety of the church of S. Denis at Kirkby Laythorpe vacant because the said Master William had not been ordained priest within a year of institution. Inst., Theydon, May 6, 1286.

COVENHAM PRIORY.¹ Note of the presentation of Peter called Le Beschū, monk of S. Carileph in the diocese of Le Mans, to be prior of Covenham in succession to James who had resigned. The presentation was made in the name of the convent of S. Carileph by Antony Bek, Bishop of Durham, whose letter, dated October 15, 1285, is given in full. In spite of the fact that this letter of presentation was irregular in form, Bishop Sutton accepted and appointed Peter Le Beschū as Prior, and wrote to the Arch-deacon of Lincoln to order Peter's induction. This letter, given in full, is dated at Lincoln, April 12, 1286.

Vacante prioratu de Covenham per resignationem fratris Jacobi ultimi prioris ejusdem , venerabilis pater A. dei gracia Episcopus Dunelm' fratrem Petrum dictum Le Beschū monachum monasterii Sancti Karilephi Cenem' diocesis ad dictum prioratum Episcopo Lincoln' presentavit sub hac forma : — Venerabili in Christo patri domino O. dei gracia Lincoln' Episcopo , A. ejusdem permissione ecclesie Dunelm' minister humilis salutem et fraterne caritatis continuum incrementum . Quia fratrem Petrum dictum Le Beschū monachum ecclesie Sancti Karilefi (*sic*) in Cenemanimā ad presentationem ejusdem ecclesie ad prioratum de Covenham vestre diocesis vacantem per resignationem fratris Jacobi ultimi prioris ejusdem de qua nobis constat ad plenum , admisimus intuitu pietatis , paternitatem vestram requirimus et rogamus quatenus eundem Petrum ad prioratum antedictum quantum ad vos attinet admittere et ipsum instituere velitis canonice in eodem , in corporalem dicti prioratus possessionem induci si placet facientes eundem . Datum apud Middelham' , idibus Octobris , anno domini M.CC. LXXX quinto et consecrationis nostre secundo . Qua quidem littera presentatoria coram Episcopo Lincoln' II idus Aprilis Anno sexto apud Lincoln' recitata , licet eadem littera ab aliis litteris presentatoriis que fieri solent ad prioratum predictum non modicum discordaret , Episcopus tamen dictam litteram quatenus a prioris litteris presentationum in hac casu discordabat , nequaquam acceptans , nulla premissa inquisitione , de gracia speciali , dictum fratrem Petrum ad predictum prioratum admisit gracieose ,

¹ This entry is endorsed.

et priorem prefecit seu instituit in eodem . Curam et administrationem tam spiritualium quam temporalium dicti loci sibi plenius committendo , prestitoque a dicto priore juramento quod Episcopo Lincoln' et Officialibus suis in canonicis mandatis obediret , Scriptum fuit Archidiacono Lincoln' sub hac forma : — O. permissione divina Lincoln' Episcopus , dilecto in Christo filio Archidiacono Lincoln' salutem etc . Quia fratrem Petrum dictum Le Beschum monachum Sancti Karilephi in Cen' ad presentationem venerabilis patris domini . . . ¹ dei gracia Dunelm' Episcopi ad prioratum de Covenham vacantem pretermittendo hac vice inquisitione de gracia speciali , admisimus , ipsumque in dicto prioratu canonice ac secundum preteriti temporis morem duximus instituendum . Vobis mandamus quod ipsum corporalem possessionem dicti prioratus et omnium pertinentium ad eundem habere faciatis , commonachis et aliis minsistris loci injungentes quatinus eidem tanquam priori plenius obediant et intendant . Valete . Datum Lincoln' II idus Aprilis pontificatus nostri anno sexto.

VII' XIII KALENDAS JUNII DIE SANCTI DUNSTANI ANNO DOMINI M.CC. OCTOGESIMO SEXTO INCIPIT ANNUS PONTIFICATUS DOMINI OLIVERI EPISCOPI LINCOLN' SEPTIMUS.

WADDINGTON (Wadington'). R. Gerard de Wypens, subd., rep. by Henry de Lacy (Lasey) Earl of Lincoln to the church of Waddington vacant because the said Gerard had not been ordained priest within a year of institution. Inst., York, June 9, 1286.

THEDDLETHORPE, ST. HELEN, Mediety (Thethelthorp'). R. Robert of Halton, ch., rep. by John de Bosco to the mediety of the church of Theddelthorpe vacant because the said Robert had not been ordained priest within a year of his institution. Inst., York, June 9, 1286.

CORBY. V. Walter of Overton, ch., p. by the prioress and convent of S. Michael's outside Stamford to the vicarage of Corby vacant by the death of Roger. Inst., Stow Park, June 14, 1286.

NOCTON PARK PRIORY (Nokketon'). Note of the election of a prior to succeed Richard of Yarwell who had become a Franciscan. The canons first chose the sub-prior Philip of Hanworth, but this election was declared invalid for technical irregularities by Bishop Sutton at Biggleswade on May 10, 1286. Their next choice was Arnold the cellarer of Thornton Abbey, who refused to accept the

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office. After this, the canons sent to Bishop Sutton a letter (given in full and dated at Nocton, June 14, 1286) resigning their right of election into his hands. The Bishop, with the consent of Sir Norman d'Arcy the patron of the priory, appointed Hugh of Grimsby, a canon of Thornton. Inst., Stow Park, June 19, 1286.

Vacante prioratu de parco de Nokketon' per absolutum ingressum fratris Ricardi de Jarewell' ultimi prioris ejusdem in ordinem fratrum minorum , canonicisque ejusdem loci ad electionem faciendam de priore per viam compromissi procedentibus , ac fratrem Philippum de Hanewrth' confratrem suum suppriorum dicte domus in priorem eligentibus suo modo , dictaque electione solum propter ipsius vitium et culpam eligentium in processu commissam et non propter vitium persone electe , VI Idus Maii Anno domini M.CC. octogesimo sexto apud Bikkeleswad' cassata seu cassa et irrita nunciata , justicia exigente , eligentibus ob culpam suam jure eligendi ea vice privatis per decretum potestateque ad tunc providendi dicte domui de priore Episcopo specialiter reservata , Episcopus tamen nichilominus subsequenter de gracia speciali conventui predicti loci eligendi iterato personam idoneam liberam contulit facultatem . Deinde memorati canonici ad electionem in forma pretacta secundo procedentes , fratrem Arnaldum cellerarium monasterii de Thornton' sibi elegerunt in priorem , que quidem electio pro eo quod prefatus secundo electus ut electioni de se facte preberet assensum induci non potuit quoquomodo , non est sortita [ad] effectum . Demum Supprior et Conventus domus de Parco predictae potestatem eligendi domui sue vacanti priorem seu providendi eis de domo sua propria vel de domo de Thornton' de Priore , episcopo unanimiter contulerunt sub ea que sequitur forma verborum : — Venerabili in Christo patri domino Olivero dei gracia Lincoln' Episcopo , sui semper humiles et devoti Supprior et Conventus de Parco de Noketon'¹ salutem cum omni obediencia , reverencia et honore debitis tanto patri . Quoniam in tenuioribus domibus religionis et precipue in quibus pauci et simplices immorantur , quandoque propter difficultatem viarum eligendi pastorem , quandoque propter discordiam imminens , quandoque propter personas minus ydoneas et quandoque propter impedimenta alia que occurrunt , ecclesie viduate tam in spiritualibus quam in temporalibus grave dispendium patiuntur , nos de affectione paterna quam ad ecclesiam nostram et utilitatem ipsius habuistis hactenus et habetis specialiter confidentes , plenam potestatem eligendi domui nostre vacanti priorem seu providendi nobis de domo nostra propria vel de domo de Thornton' de Priore , in vos unanimiter tenore presentium duximus conferendam , bona fide promittentes firmiter quod illum quem de alterutra domo predicta nobis et domui nostre

¹ Sic.

provideritis in Priorem , sine contradictione et remurmuratione qualibet concorditer recipiemus in patrem . Salvo nobis jure nostro alias eligendi pro tempore oportuno , cui pro tempore futuro per presens factum non intendimus derogare . Datum apud Parcum de Noketon' , die veneris proxima post festum Sancte Trinitatis . anno domini M.CC. octogesimo sexto . — Tandem Episcopo de persona eligenda seu proficienda loco predicto plurimum sollicito existente , et de fratre Hugone de Grimesby canonico de Thornton' tam ab ejusdem loci Abbate quam etiam a canonicis domus de Parco pene universis laudabile testimonium accipiente , concurrente consensu domini Normanni de Arcy patroni dicti prioratus per ipsius loci duos canonicos apud manerium de Noketon' requisito , quem post electionem factam et non ante requirere debent sicut predicti canonici de Parco firmiter asserebant , Episcopus prefatum fratrem Hugonem XIII kalendas Julii anno predicto apud Parcum Stowe juxta potestatem pretactam sibi commissam eligendo ipsum deputavit , dedit et prefecit in priorem , dicto prioratu providendo taliter de pastore , et curam et administrationem omnium bonorum tam temporalium quam spiritualium ad eundem locum spectantium quoquo modo dicto priori plenius committendo et cetera quoad ulteriorem solempnitatem modo consueto totaliter exequendo . Denique prefato Priore Episcopo et Officialibus suis jurante canonico obediencia scriptum fuit Archidiacono Lincoln' ut quod suum esset circa ipsius installationem etc. , Canonicis fratribus universis et ceteris dicte domus de Parco ministris , quod dicto fratri Hugoni tanquam Priori suo obedirent et intenderent firmiter injungendo.

GREAT CARLTON (Carleton'). R. Collation to Robert of ? Clixby (Clisseby) by the Bishop of the church of Great Carlton vacant by the institution of Robert of Thorpe to the church of Asserby. Inst., Stow Park, June 19, 1286, in the presence of Masters Thomas of Sutton, Jocelyn of Kirmington and Stephen of Tathwell, canons of Lincoln.

KILLINGHOLME (Kilvingholm'). V. Stephen de Pagula, ch., p. by the A. and C. of Newhouse to the vicarage of Killingholme vacant by the death of Herewyn. Inst., Stow Park, June 21, 1286.

WADDINGWORTH (Wadingwrth'). V. Henry of Hemingby (Hemmingby), ch., p. by the prioress and convent of Stainfield to the vicarage of Waddingworth vacant by the death of John of Stenigot (Stanigode). Inst., Stow Park, June 21, 1286.

HACEBY (Haseby). R. Thomas of Threckingham (Trikingham), ch., p. by William Durevie to the church of Haceby vacant by the death of Richard of Dexthorpe (Draythorp'). He held the church *in commendam* for six months and was then inst. at Louth, July 10, 1286.

KIRKBY LAYTHORPE, Mediety (Sancti Dionysii de Kirkeby juxta Lafford'). R. Valentine of Tangley (Tangeley), clerk in minor orders, p. by Henry de Lacy (Lascy) Earl of Lincoln, as guardian of the lands and heir of Sir Thomas of Frampton (Fraunpton'), knight, deceased, to the mediety of the church of Kirkby Laythorpe vacant by the death of John of Kirkby. Valentine was given the church *in commendam* until he became of age and was ordained subd. He was then inst. at Lincoln, July 23, 1286.

S. LEONARD'S PRIORY OUTSIDE STAMFORD (Sancti Leonardi extra Stanford'). Note of the res. of Robert of Wakefield, warden of S. Leonard's, on account of ill-health. His letter of resignation, dated at Stamford, July 7, 1286, is given in full. The P. and C. of Durham thereupon presented Gilbert of Sherburn as his successor and their letter (given in full) is dated at Durham, July 18, 1286. The two letters were read to the Bishop at Liddington on August 5, and he at once appointed Gilbert as custodian and wrote to the Archdeacon of Lincoln to order his induction. (This letter also is given in full.)

Vacante prioratu S. Leonardi juxta Stanford' per cessionem fratris Roberti de Wakerfeud' litteratorie factam et canonice admissam cujus cessionis forma talis existit : — Reverendo patri in Christo domino O. dei gracia Episcopo Lincoln', devotus filius frater Robertus de Wakerfeud' monachus Dunelm' custos celle Sancti Leonardi juxta Stanford' salutem et debitam cum omni honore obedienciam . Venerabili paternitati vestre per presentes significo , me ob frequentem corporis imbecillitatem ad supradicte / (*Membrane* 15) celle custodiam , ad quam per vos quandoque admissus sum , penitus insufficientem , Qua propter dicte custodie mere cedo ac dictam domum in manus vestre paternitatis resigno , vobis humiliter supplicando , quatinus hanc meam resignationem admittere dignemini . In cujus rei testimonium presentes litteras patentes sigillo meo signatas vobis transmittito . Datum apud Stanford' , nonis Julii anno domini M.CC. octogesimo sexto : — Religiosi viri Prior et Conventus Dunelm' fratrem Gilbertum de Schireburn' monachum Dunelm' ad custodiam dicte celle presentarunt Episcopo sub hac forma : — Reverendo patri in Christo domino O. dei gracia Episcopo Lincoln', devoti filii H. prior et conventus ecclesie Dunelm' salutem et tanto patri debitam cum omni devotione reverenciam . Venerande paternitati vestre ad custodiam celle nostre domus videlicet Sancti Leonardi juxta Stanford' vacantem presentamus dilectum fratrem et commonachum nostrum dominum Gilbertum de Schyreburn , omni qua possumus affectione vestram exorantes paternitatem quatinus eundem G. ad dicte celle custodiam benigne si placet admittere dignemini , salvis nobis ecclesie Dunelm'

libertatibus et ordinis in omnibus disciplina . In cujus rei testimonium presentes litteras sigillo capituli nostri fecimus communiri . Datum Dunelm' XV kalendas Augusti anno gracie M.CC. octogesimo sexto . — Qua quidem presentatione una cum resignatione predicta in presencia Episcopi apud Lidington' nonis Augusti anno domini supradicto recitata , Episcopus statim dicto fratri Gilberto custodiam dicte celle tam in spiritualibus quam in temporalibus commisit , prestitoque ab eodem fratre juramento corporali quod Episcopo et suis Officialibus in mandatis canonicis obediret . Scriptum fuit Archidiacono Lincoln' vel ejus officiali prout sequitur : — O. etc , Archidiacono Lincoln' vel ejus officiali , salutem etc . Quia custodiam celle Sancti Leonardi juxta Stanford' vacantis per cessionem ultimi custodis ejusdem nobis litteratorie factam , et per nos canonice admissam , dilecto in Christo filio fratri Gilberto de Schireburn' monacho Dunelm' duximus committendum , curam ejusdem celle tam in spiritualibus quam in temporalibus sibi plenius concedentes , vobis mandamus quatinus eundem fratrem Gilbertum corporalem possessionem loci predicti tanquam ipsius custodem habere faciatis , commonachis et confratribus ibidem commorantibus injungentes vice nostra ut eidem plenius obediant et intendant . Valete . Datum apud Lidington' , nonis Augusti , pontificatus nostri anno septimo.

THRECKINGHAM (Trikingham). V. Geoffrey of Scrafield (Screytfeld'), ch., p. by the master and brethren of the house of S. Lazarus at Burton to the vicarage of Threckingham vacant by the res. of Thomas. Inst., Stoke by Oundle (Stokes juxta Undel), August 24, 1286.

ANWICK (Amewyk'). V. John of Kirkby (Kirkeby), ch., p. by the P. and C. of Haverholme to the vicarage of Anwick vacant because Geoffrey of Scrafield (Screythefeld') had been inst. to the vicarage of Threckingham. Inst., Stoke by Oundle (Stokes juxta Undel), August 24, 1286.

WOODHALL (Wodehall'). R. Master Andrew of Hollym (Holaym), subd., p. by Richard son of Amand of Woodhall to the church of Woodhall vacant by the death of Henry of Claxby. Inst., Spaldwick, August 25, 1286. Had letters patent.

LINCOLN, S. PETER AT ARCHES (Sancti Petri ad Arcus, Lincoln'). R. William of Nottingham (Notingham), ch., p. by the P. and C. of Shelford to the church of S. Peter at Arches, Lincoln, vacant by the death of John. Inst., Spaldwick, August 29, 1286. Had letters patent.

HOUGH PRIORY (Hagh'). Note of the res. of Robert Paynpare, prior of Hough, signified to the Bishop in a letter which is given in full and dated June 25, 1286. The A. and C. of the Abbey of S. Mary de Voto at Cherbourg wrote a letter (given in full and dated August 13, 1286) presenting John de Lisle as his successor. The Bishop accepted John and inst. him at Buckden, September 2, 1286.

Vacante prioratu de Hagh' per resignationem fratris Roberti Paynpare ultimi prioris ejusdem litteratorie factam sub hac forma : — Reverendo in Christo patri ac domino Lincoln' Episcopo , frater Robertus Paynpare quondam dictus Prior de Hagh , salutem , reverentiam debitam et honorem . Paternitati vestre significo me spontanee cessisse possessioni et juri quod habui vel habere potui in Prioratu et ecclesia de Hagh ex presentatione virorum religiosorum Abbatis et Conventus de Cesarisburgo et ex institutione bone memorie Roberti quondam Episcopi Lincoln' predecessoris vestri . Valeat bene et diu in domino vestra paternitas reverenda per tempora longiora . Datum anno domini M.CC. octogesimo sexto die Martis ante festum beati Petri ad vincula . — Religiosi viri Abbas et Conventus de Cesarisburgo predicti fratrem Johannem de Insulis concanonicum suum ad predictum prioratum Episcopo postmodum presentarunt per litteras suas patentes quarum tenor talis existit : — Reverendo in Christo patri ac domino dei gracia Lincoln' Episcopo , devoti sui frater Radulfus ejusdem permissione Abbas Beate Marie de Voto juxta Cesarisburgum Constanc' diocesis , ejusdemque loci conventus humilis , salutem et reverentiam debitam et honorem . Ad prioratum nostrum de Hagh' vestre diocesis liberum et vacantem ex cessione spontanea fratris Roberti dicti Paynpare canonici nostri paternitati vestre fratrem Johannem de Insulis concanonicum nostrum latorem seu exhibitorem presentium presentamus , vobis humiliter supplicantes quatinus eundem ad prioratum admittere dignemini supradictam . Bene et diu valeat in domino vestra paternitas reverenda . Datum anno domini M.CC. Octogesimo sexto die Martis ante Assumptionem Beate Marie Semper Virginis . — Qua quidem presentatione una cum littera resignatoria predicta IIII nonas Septembris anno domini supradicto apud Bukkeden' in presencia Episcopi recitata , idem Episcopus statim predictam resignationem canonice admittens , prefatum fratrem Johannem ad prioratum predictum admisit , et priorem ipsum instituit in eodem . Jurataque a dicto fratre Johanne Episcopo et Officialibus suis canonica obediencia in forma consueta , Scriptum fuit Archidiacono Lincoln' quod eundem fratrem Johannem corporalem possessionem dicti prioratus habere faceret ut priorem .

KIRMOND LE MIRE (Kevermund'). V. Antony of Somersby (Someredeby), ch., p. by the prioress and convent of Stainfield

to the vicarage of Kirmond Le Mire vacant by the death of Robert. Inst., Colsterworth, September 20, 1286.

BENINGTON IN HOLLAND (Benington'). R. William of Paris (Parys), d., rep. by Sir John of Bath (Bathonia), knight, to the church of Benington in Holland vacant because the said William had not been ordained priest within a year of institution. Inst. at the Old Temple, London, October 18, 1286. Had letters patent.

HOUGHAM (Hagham). R. Master John of Fledborough (Fletburg'), ch., p. by Sir Hugh de Bussey, knight, to the church of Hougham vacant because Robert de Wympton the last rector had become a Franciscan. John, after holding the church *in commendam* for some time, was inst. at Fingest on November 11, 1286. Had letters patent.

CAYTHORPE (Catthorp'). R. Robert of Walgrave (Waldegrave), subd., p. by Robert de Turville, Master of the Templars in England, to the church of Caythorpe vacant by the res. of Master John of Siddington (Sodington'). Inst., Fingest, November 13, 1286. Had letters patent.

LITTLE STEEPING (Steeping). R. William of Chester (Cestr'), ch., p. by Lady Alice de Lacy (Lasey), representative of Henry de Lacy Earl of Lincoln during his absence overseas, to the church of Little Steeping vacant by the death of Master John of Howden (Howeden'). Inst., Fingest, November 17, 1286. Had letters patent. A note at the end of the entry repeats the fact that Lady Alice was not herself the patroness of the living but simply acted on behalf of the Earl.

WESTBOROUGH, Mediety (Westburg'). R. Master Elias of Muskham (Muscamp'), priest, p. by the P. and C. of Shelford to the mediety of the church of Westborough vacant because Master John of Fledborough had been inst. to the living of Hougham. Inst., Fingest, December 4, 1286. Had letters patent.

STUBTON (Stubeton'). R. Master Benedict of Hallam (Halum), subd., p. by the P. and C. of Shelford to the church of Stubton vacant because Master Elias of Muskham (Muscamp') had been inst. to the mediety of the church of Westborough. Inst., Fingest, December 18, 1286. Had letters patent.

SCOT WILLOUGHBY (Scotwilgby). R. Eustace of Cottesbach (Cotesbech), clerk in minor orders, p. by Sir Robert de Wavere, knight, to the church of Scot Willoughby vacant because

Thomas of Prestw[old]¹ had been instituted to the church of Barrow. Received the church *in commendam* August 18, 1286. Ordained subd. and inst. at Thame, December 21, 1286.

AUNSBY (Ounesby). R. Thomas of Foxley, clerk in minor orders, p. by the P. and C. of Wroxton to the church of Aunsby vacant by the death of Sir John of ? Widdington¹. The presentation was opposed by Sir Robert of Wade, knight, Sir Ralph Paynel, knight, and Baldwin Pygot. The Prior established his right of presentation against Sir Robert in the King's court at Westminster (the writ is given in full). Sir Ralph resigned his right of presentation in a letter (given in full) addressed to the Bishop. Baldwin Pygot did not prosecute his claim. Thomas of Foxley therefore received the church *in commendam* on May 7, 1286, and was ordained subd. and inst. at Thame, December 21, 1286.

Thomas de Foxle clericus presentatus in minoribus ordinibus per² Priorem et Conventum de Wroxton' ad ecclesiam de Ounesby vacantem per mortem domini Johannis de Wyd ton'¹ ultimi rectoris ejusdem , facta prius inquisitione per W. Archidiaconum Lincoln' per quam acceptum est dictam ecclesiam esse litigiosam per oppositionem dominorum Roberti de Wade , Ra¹ Paynel , militum , ac Baldwyni Pygot alios clericos presentantium ad eandem , altercato etiam diutius in Curia domini Regis inter dictos Priorem ac dominum Robertum , tandem exhibitum fuit Episcopo breve domini Regis sub hac forma : — E. etc . Sciatis quod Prior de Wroxton' in Curia nostra coram Justiciariis nostris apud Westmonasterium per considerationem ejusdem curie nostre recuperavit presentationem suam versus Robertum de Wade ad ecclesiam de Ounesby que vacat , et ideo vobis mandamus quod non obstante reclamatione predicti Roberti ad presentationem predicti prioris ad prefatam ecclesiam idoneam personam admittatis . Teste T. de Weland' apud Westmonasterium III die Maii anno regni nostri XIII . — Exhibita etiam fuit Episcopo quedam littera patens dicti domini Radulfi sub hac forma : — Reverendo in Christo patri domino Olivero dei gracia Lincoln' Episcopo suus Radulfus Paynel salutem cum omni reverencia et honore . Errore ductus et quorundam assertionem circumventus , memini me quemdam clericum vestre paternitati ad ecclesiam de Ounesby presentasse ac prohibitionem domini Regis secundum consuetudinem Curie sue ne quicquam admitteretur ad eandem pendente questione super jure patronatus in dicta Curia impetrasse . Nunc vero in hoc facto me errasse perpendens , predictam meam presentationem ad ecclesiam antedictam penitus revoco et eam vires habere nolo , renunciando omni juri mihi competituro , saltem hac vice , ad predictam ecclesiam presentandi ,

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et vestram paternitatem exorans quatinus non obstantibus predictis presentatione et prohibitione , presentatum illius qui jus habet presentandi benignius admittatis , In cujus rei testimonium sigillum meum presentibus est appensum . Datum London' in crastino apostolorum Philippi et Jacobi , anno domini M.CC. octogesimo sexto . — Cumque memoratus Baldwynus presentationem suam minime prosequeretur , tradita fuit custodia dicte ecclesie prefato Thome nonis Maii anno septimo usque ad proximos ordines subsequentes . Quibus XII kalendas Januarii anno predicto apud Tham' celebratis , idem Thomas in subdiaconatum ordinatus ad dictam ecclesiam est admissus eisdem die , anno et loco , et rector canonice institutus in eadem . Jurataque Episcopo canonica obediencia in forma consueta , scriptum est dicto Archidiacono vel ejus officiali , etc.

LEVERTON, South Mediety (Leverton'). R. John of Leake (Lek'), clerk in minor orders, p. by Sir Simon of Kyme (Kyma), knight, and Maud his wife to the mediety of the church of Leverton vacant by the res. of Robert of Drayton. Received the church *in commendam* November 19, 1286. Ordained subd. and inst. at Thame, December 21, 1286.

HATCLIFFE (Haddeclive). R. Gilbert of Stapleton, clerk in minor orders, p. by Brother William called Rucof, proctor of the A. and C. of Beauport, to the church of Hatcliffe vacant by the res. of William of Hamilton. Given custody of the church June 6, 1286. Ordained subd. and inst. at Thame, December 21, 1286.

SOUTH WITHAM, Mediety (Suthwym). R. John of Bardney (Bardenay), clerk in minor orders, p. by Master Robert of Turville (Turville), Master of the Templars in England, to the mediety of the church of South Witham vacant by the death of Robert of Geddington (Geytington'). Received the church *in commendam* October 14, 1286. Ordained subd. and inst. at Thame, December 21, 1286.

EWERBY (Iwardeby). R. Walter of Threckingham, clerk, under age and in minor orders, p. by the P. and C. of Kyme to the church of Ewerby vacant by the death of John of Reston. The right of presentation was disputed by Sir Gilbert of Gaunt and Lora his wife. The prior established his right by an assize of darrein presentment (the writ is given in full). Custody of the church was granted first to the rector of Newton-in-Aveland and then to Walter of Threckingham when he came of age. Walter was ordained subd. and inst. at Thame, December 21, 1286.

Walterus de Trikingham clericus presentatus in minoribus annis per¹ Priorem et conventum de Kyma ad ecclesiam de

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Iwardeby vacantem per mortem Johannis de Riston' ultimi rectoris ejusdem , facta prius inquisitione per W. Archidiaconum Lincoln' per quam acceptum est inter cetera dictam ecclesiam litigiosam per oppositionem domini Gilberti de Gaunt et Lore uxor¹ alium clericum presentantium ad eandem , altercatoque aliquamdiu in Curia domini Regis inter dictos presentantes , tandem exhibito episcopo brevi domini Regis sub hac² — E. etc . Sciatis quod cum Prior de Kyma in Curia nostra coram justiciariis nostris itinerantibus apud Lincoln' arramiasset assisam ultime presentationis versus Gilbertum Gaunt et Loram uxorem ejus de ecclesia de Iwardeby que vacat , iidem Gilbertus et Lora venerunt in eadem curia nostra et concesserunt eidem priori presentationem suam ad predictam ecclesiam hac vice . Et ideo vobis mandamus quod non obstante reclamatione predictorum Gilberti et Lore , ad presentationem ipsius Prioris ad predictam ecclesiam ydoneam personam admittatis . Teste J. de Vallibus , apud Lincoln , XVI die Junii anno regni nostri nono . Commissa fuit custodia dicti presentati et ecclesie magistro Willelmo de Helmesw[ell]³ rectori ecclesie de Neuton' , donec Episcopus aliter in hac parte duceret ordinandum . Deinde prefato Waltero facto majore tradita fuit sibi custodiam dicte ecclesie , X kalendas Octobris anno septimo , usque and proximos ordines subsequentes . Quibus XII kalendas Januarii anno predicto apud Tham' celebratis , dictus Walterus in subdiaconatum ordinatus ad dictam ecclesiam est admissus eisdem die et loco et anno , et rector canonice institutus in eadem . Jurataque Episcopo canonica obediencia in forma consueta , scriptum est dicto Archidiacono vel ejus Officiali quod , etc.

LUSBY (Lusceby). R. John of Lincoln (Lincoln'), d., rep. by the A. and C. of Bardney to the church of Lusby vacant because the said John had failed to be ordained priest within a year of his institution. Inst., Thame, December 21, 1286.

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LITTLE CAWTHORPE (Calethorp'). V. John of Cressingham, ch., p. by the P. and C. of Alvingham to the vicarage of Little Cawthorpe vacant because Hugh of Tydd (Tyd) had entered Legbourne Priory. Inst., Fingest, December 26, 1286, and had letters patent.

SNARFORD⁴ (Snarteford). R. Richard of Barton (Barton), ch., p. by the P. and C. of Elsham to the church of Snarford vacant because Master Robert of Barton had resigned on joining the Augustinians at Elsham. Richard received the church *in*

¹ MS. torn. "uxoris ejus" seems the obvious reading.

² MS. torn. "forma" seems the obvious reading.

³ MS. torn.

⁴ Marked "vacat hic."

commendam for six months, and was inst. at Fingest, January 2, 1287.

DEXTHORPE (Drexthorp'). R. Henry of Sausthorpe (Sausthorp'), ch., p. by Sir Jordan of Asserby, knight, to the church of Dexthorpe vacant by the death of Alan. Inst., Fingest, February 18, 1287.

WELLINGORE (Wellinghovere). V. William of Lincoln (Lincoln'), d., p. by the D. and C. of Lincoln to the vicarage of Wellingore vacant because Richard of Barton had received the living of Snarford. Ordained priest and inst. at Wycombe, March 1, 1287.

GAYTON-LE-MARSH (Gayton'). R. Hugh of Quixhill (Quikes-hill'), clerk in minor orders, p. by the King as guardian of the heir of John de Neville to the church of Gayton-Le-Marsh vacant by the death of Nicholas of Hargrave (Haregrave). Hugh received the church *in commendam* and was afterwards ordained subd. and inst. at Wycombe, March 1, 1287.

EAST BARKWITH (Estbarkewrth). R. Peter of Holywell (Helewell), clerk in minor orders and under age, p. in the time of Bishop Gravesend by Robert of Holywell to the church of East Barkwith.¹ Richard of Trowell held the church *in commendam* during the time of Bishop Gravesend and Master Jocelyn of Kirmington held it during the time of Bishop Sutton. Peter, when of age, was ordained subd. and inst. at Wycombe, March 1, 1287.

WESTON (Weston in Hoylandia). V. William of Littleport, ch., p. by the P. and C. of Spalding to the vicarage of Weston, newly created because the said P. and C. had lately appropriated the church of Weston by reason of permission granted to them by Honorius IV. An inquisition held by the official of the Arch-deacon of Lincoln into the value of the vicarage proved that the stipend was insufficient. The Bishop ordered it to be increased and to be further improved by the addition of a suitable house. On these conditions William was inst. at Mursley on March 20, 1287. It was arranged that the vicar should have one fourth of any extra grants which should in future be made to the church of Weston.

Magister Willelmus de Littelport capellanus presentatus per Priorem et Conventum de Spalding' ad vicariam ecclesie de Weston' in Hoylandia quam iidem religiosi in proprios usus auctoritate sedis apostolice, domini scilicet Honorii pape quarti aliquantulum ante festum Natalis domini anno ejusdem M.CC. octogesimo

¹ A blank is left in the MS.—the name of Peter's predecessor and the reason for the vacancy are not given.

sexto fuerant assecuti de novo ordinandam , facta prius per¹ Officiale W. de La Gare Archidiaconi Lincoln' de vero valore omnium proventuum dicte ecclesie et utrum portiones in quibus iidem religiosi dictam vicariam ordinari petebant sufficerent , ac aliis juxta morem inquisitione diligenti per quam acceptum fuit quod decima garbarum ecclesie memorate valet communibus annis XLVI libras XIII solidos et IV denarios , decima lini X libras , decima lane et agnorum VIII marcas , decima casei X solidos , decima aucarum V solidos , decima porcellorum III solidos , decima canobi II solidos , decima molendinorum VI solidos , VIII denarios , decima feni XXX solidos , excepto feno de dominico Prioris quod ecclesia predicta percipere consuevit , quod valet VII solidos et III denarios , decima gallorum IX solidos , ceragium V solidos , mortuaria XX solidos , oblationes tam majores quam minores , obvenientes tam cruci quam altari valent per annum IIII libras , minute decime in quadragesima XL solidos . Item , acceptum est quod in portionibus per dictos Religiosos nominatis non potest hujusmodi vicaria congrue ordinari , et quod ponderatis ecclesie predicte facultatibus non sufficiunt ad portionem vicarie , pensatis pensandis , ordinatum fuit quod perpetua vicaria in dicta ecclesia consisteret in omnimodis oblationibus majoribus et minoribus , cruci et altari , ac alias qualitercumque et quocumque tempore anni obvenientibus , decimis lini , agnorum , aucarum , pullorum seu gallorum , porcellorum , vitulorum , pullanorum , canobi , molendinorum , feni tam de villanis quam de aliis libere tenentibus , necnon ceragio , mortuariis tam in pecoribus quam rebus mortuis quibuscumque , et etiam manso competenti ab omni exactione et consuetudine seculari libero , decenter edificato seu sumptibus predictorum¹ Prioris et conventus de Spalding' prefatum Magistrum Willelmum presentantium absque more dispendio , secundum quod statui vicarii per omnia congruit et decet , honestius edificando , decimis omnium garbarum et lane tam in velleribus quam denariis percipiende , preter quam de propriis ovibus ipsius vicarii si quas ipsum habere contingat , una cum feno dictorum religiosorum ad opus eorum dumtaxat exceptis , ita quod iidem religiosi procuracionem Archidiaconi , reparacionem et refectionem cancelli quotiens opus fuerit , libros , vestimenta , et cetera ornamenta universa ac omnia onera ordinaria in solidum et extraordinaria pro rata inveniant , faciant et agnoscant . Et vicarius per ministros ydoneos ecclesie deserviat et faciat deserviri in cancello luminare competens inveniundo , denarios beati Petri colligendo , et de eis ulterius respondendo , synodalia et Letare Jerusalem Archidiacono solvendo , hujusmodi ordinationem pro memoratis religiosis seu vicario mutandi , corrigendi , interpretandi , vel declarandi , quotiens necesse et visum fuerit expedire eipscopo et successoribus suis potestate specialiter reservata . Demum dictus

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Magister Willelmus ad vicariam in forma pretacta ordinatam admissus extitit, XIII kalendas Aprilis anno domini supradicto apud Muresle et vicarius perpetuus cum onere personaliter ministrandi et continue residendi canonice institutus in eadem, et super hoc scriptum fuit Archidiacono Lincoln' vel ejus¹ Officiali pro inductione dicti vicarii in corporalem possessionem vicarie predicte ac quod prescriptis religiosis injungeret vice episcopi quod ipsi vicario mansum congruum et competentem edificatum ut predicatur assignare curarent, et si circa ratam portionis alterutrius in prestatione extraordinariorum munerum contingeret in posterum altercari, ad tunc equum videbatur, quod vicarius antedictus sui ipsius et ministrorum ecclesie victus necessariis deductis pro extraordinariis pro quarta parte ecclesie, et dicti religiosi pro residuo respondere deberent.

SOTBY (Sotteby). R. Robert Durand of Lincoln (Lincoln'), clerk in minor orders and under age, p. by the A. and C. of Bardney to the church of Sotby vacant by the death of Stephen of Gaunt.² Church given *in commendam* to Master William of Langworth (Langwath'). Robert was ordained subd. when of age, and inst. at Bradwell, March 22, 1287. Had letters patent.

LITTLE STEEPING (Parva Steping). R. Henry of Chester (Cestria), ch., p. by Lady Alice de Lacy (Lascy), acting, during his absence, for Henry de Lacy, Earl of Lincoln, to the church of Little Steeping vacant by the res. of William of Chester. Inst., Buckingham, March 28, 1287. Had letters patent.

MAREHAM-LE-FEN (Marum). R. William Hardegray, subd., p. by the Bishop of Carlisle to the church of Mareham-Le-Fen vacant by the death of Thomas. Inst., Buckingham, March 29, 1287, and had letters patent.

BELCHFORD, North Mediety (Beltesford). R. Hugh de Vienne (Vienna), subd., p. by the P. and C. of Trentham to the mediety of the church of Belchford vacant by the death of Master William of Newcastle (Novo Castro). Inst., in the person of John of Ditton his proctor, Banbury, April 3, 1287.

BLANKNEY (Blaunkeneya). R. Henry of Alveley (Elveleye), subd., rep. by the P. and C. of Thurgarton to the church of Blankney vacant because the said Henry had not been ordained priest within a year of institution. Inst., Banbury, April 18, 1287. Had letters patent.

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² It seems probable that this Robert Durand is the same person as the Peter Durand mentioned on p. 1.

HONINGTON (Hunington'). V. Reginald of Hemingby (Hemingby), ch., p. by the prioress and convent of Stixwold to the vicarage of Honington vacant by the death of William of Spridlington (Spridelington'). Inst., ? Brackley, (Brack'), April 24, 1287.

SOMERBY-BY-GRANTHAM (Somerdeby). R. Peter of Bitteswell (Bythemeswell'), ch., p. by John of Humby to the church of Somerby vacant by the death of Lambert of Santon (Saunton'). Inst. at the Old Temple, London, May 11, 1287.

VIII' XIII KALENDAS JUNII DIE SANCTI DUNSTANI ANNO DOMINI M.CC. OCTOGESIMO SEPTIMO INCIPIT ANNUS PONTIFICATUS DOMINI OLIVERI EPISCOPI LINCOLN' OCTAVUS.

DEMBLEBY. R. Robert Le Venur, clerk in minor orders, p. by Sir Robert of Legbourne (Lekeburn'), knight, to the church of Dembleby vacant by the death of Richard of Wimpole (Wynepole). Received the church *in commendam* April 24, 1287. Ordained deacon (by licence of the Archbishop of Canterbury) and inst. at Faversham in the diocese of Canterbury, May 31, 1287. Had letters patent.

SWINESHEAD (Swynesheved). R. Master John Hall (de Aula), clerk in minor orders, p. by Lady Avis Grele to the church of Swineshead vacant by the consecration of Master William of Clifford as Bishop of Emly (Imalacensis) in Ireland. Ordained subd. (by licence of the Archbishop of Canterbury) at Faversham, May 31, 1287. Inst. at the Old Temple, London, June 5. Had letters patent.

SKILLINGTON (Skylington'). V. Nicholas of Ingham, ch., p. by the D. and C. of Lincoln to the vicarage of Skillington vacant because Peter the last vicar had been inst. to the church of Somerby. Inst., Leicester, July 4, 1287.

S. LEONARD'S PRIORY OUTSIDE STAMFORD (S. Leonardi extra Staumford'). Peter of Sedgefield p. by the P. and C. of Durham to be custodian of S. Leonard's Priory in succession to Gilbert of Sherburn who had resigned for reasons of ill-health. Both the letter of resignation and that of presentation are given in full. Peter received custody of the house from the Bishop at Liddington, July 10, 1287, and a letter to the archdeacon of Lincoln was written on his behalf in the same terms as that formerly written on behalf of Gilbert of Sherburn.

Vacante prioratu Sancti Leonardi juxta Stanford' per cessionem fratris Gilberti de Schireburn' litteratorie factam et canonice admissam , cujus cessionis forma talis existit : — Reverendo patri in Christo domino O. dei gracia Episcopo Lincoln' devotus filius frater G. de Schireburn' monachus Dunelm' custos celle Sancti Leonardi juxta Staumford' salutem et debitam cum omni honore obedienciam . Venerabili paternitati vestre per presentes significo , me ob gravem corporis infirmitatem ad supradicte celle custodiam ad quam per vos quondam admissus sum penitus insufficientem . Quapropter dicte custodie mere cedo , ac dictam domum in manus vestre paternitatis resigno , vobis humiliter supplicando quatinus hanc meam resignationem admittere et discretum fratrem P. de Seggefeld' per priorem et conventum Dunelm' vobis presentatum recipere digne (*Membrane* 17) mini . In cujus rei testimonium presentes litteras sigillo meo signatas vobis transmittito . Datum Dunelm' IIII idus Aprilis anno domini M.CC. octogesimo septimo . — Religiosi viri Prior et Conventus Dunelm' fratrem Petrum de Seggefeud' monachum Dunelm' ad dicte celle custodiam presentarunt Episcopo sub hac forma : — Reverendo patri in Christo domino O. dei gracia Episcopo Lincoln' , devoti filii H. Prior et Conventus ecclesie Dunelm' , salutem et tanto patri debitam cum omni devotione reverenciam . Venerande paternitati vestre ad custodiam celle nostre domus videlicet Sancti Leonardi juxta Stanford' vacantem , presentamus dilectum fratrem et commonachum nostrum P. de Seggefeud' omni qua possumus affectione vestram exorantes dominationem quatinus eundem P. ad dicte celle custodiam benigne si placet admittere dignemini . Salvis nobis ecclesie Dunelm' libertatibus et ordinis in omnibus disciplina . In cujus rei testimonium presentibus sigillum capituli nostri fecimus apponi . Datum Dunelm' XII kalendas Maii Anno domini M.CC. octogesimo septimo . Valeat reverenda paternitas vestra per tempora longa . — Qua quidem presentatione una cum resignatione predicta , in presenciam Episcopi apud Lidington' VI idus Julii anno domini supradicto recitata , Episcopus statim dicto fratri Petro custodiam dicte celle tam in spiritualibus quam in temporalibus commisit , prestitoque ab eodem fratre Petro juramento corporali quod Episcopo et suis Officialibus in mandatis canonicis obediret , scriptum fuit Archidiacono Lincoln' vel ejus Officiali quod eundem fratrem Petrum corporalem possessionem loci predicti tanquam ipsius custodem habere faceret et quod injungeret commonachis et confratribus ibidem commorantibus ut eidem fratri Petro plenius intenderent et etiam obedirent . Et fuit littera ejusdem tenoris qualis fuit illa que pro dicto fratre Gilberto exivit , terminis et data mutatis.

BELVOIR PRIORY (Belver'). Note that Roger of Hendred monk of S. Alban's, appeared before the Bishop at Owston

on July 7, 1287, bearing a letter from the abbot of S. Alban's presenting Roger as custodian of Belvoir Priory. As the form of the letter was irregular the Bishop did nothing about it. (The letter is given in full.) Roger later came again before the Bishop at Grantham on July 18, bearing another letter of presentation (given in full), this time in the regular form. The Bishop therefore accepted him as custodian. The usual inquisition and letters of induction were omitted. Grantham, July 18, 1287.

Nonis Julii anno octavo apud Osolveston' venit frater Rogerus de Henreye monachus monasterii Sancti Albani deferens Episcopo ex parte Abbatis dicti monasterii quamdam litteram presentatoriam ad cellam de Belvero sub hac forma . — Venerabili patri in Christo domino O. dei gracia Episcopo Lincoln' suus R. ejusdem permissione Abbas Sancti Albani , salutem cum reverencia et honore . Vestre sanctitati commonachum nostrum fratrem Rogerum de Henreye quem nuper in cella nostra de Belvero prefecimus in priorem , presentium tenore presentamus , humiliter supplicantes quatinus in suis agendis coram vobis eundem Rogerum habere velitis recommendatum . In cujus rei testimonium presentes litteras sigillo nostro signatas sibi fieri fecimus patentes . Datum apud Sanctum Albanum die apostolorum Philippi et Jacobi Anno domini M.CC. octogesimo septimo . — Et quia Episcopus hujusmodi litteram nullatenus acceptavit , nichil actum extitit illa vice . Postmodum XV kalendas Augusti anno predicto idem frater Rogerus venit ad Episcopum apud Graham exhibens aliam litteram presentatoriam sub hac forma : — Reverendo patri in Christo domino O. dei gracia Lincoln' Episcopo . R. ejusdem permissione Abbas monasterii Sancti Albani salutem , reverenciam et honorem . Dilectum nobis in Christo fratrem Rogerum de Henred' commonachum nostrum presentium portitorem quem in Priorem in cella nostra de Belvero providimus , vestre sanctitati presentamus , administrationem spiritualium ecclesiarum , videlicet parochialium et decimarum , salvis privilegiis nostris a vobis suscepturum et pro hiis canonicam obedienciam juxta formam compositionis inter vos et nos inite prestiturum , humiliter rogantes quatinus eundem sine difficultate admittere et in suis negotiis habere dignemini recommendatum . Conservet vos deus ecclesie sue sancte per tempora diuturna . Datum apud Sanctum Albanum , die lune proxima post festum translationis Sancti Benedicti Abbatis , anno domini M.CC. Octogesimo septimo . — Episcopus vero prefatum fratrem presentatum ad predictam cellam nulla inquisitione premissa admisit , ejusdem curam et administrationem in spiritualibus et temporalibus ad ipsam pertinentibus secundum formam compositionis inter ecclesiam Lincoln' et prefatum monasterium de Sancto Albano quondam inite , sibi plenius committendo . Deinde dictus frater Rogerus juravit Episcopo et Officialibus suis canonicam obedienciam

nullam tamen habuit litteram de inductione sua Archidiacono loci , quia non fuit sibi primitus usitatum . Datum apud Graham , kalendis Augusti et anno domini supradictis.

NEWSTEAD PRIORY, NEAR STAMFORD (Novus Locus extra Staumford'). Note that Thomas of Deeping appeared before the Bishop for confirmation of his election as prior of Newstead in succession to Peter who had died. Licence to elect had been obtained from the patroness, Lady Isabel de Ros. The Bishop confirmed the election without holding an examination into the facts, since one of his clergy had been present and gave a favourable report of the proceedings. Stow Park, July 21, 1287.

Vacante prioratu de Novo Loco extra Staumford' per mortem Petri ultimi prioris ejusdem , fratreque Thoma de Deping' canonico ejusdem domus , petita prius a domina Isabella de Ros patrona domus eligendi licencia et obtenta , in priorem prefate domus electo , ipsiusque electione XII kalendas Augusti anno domini M.CC. octogesimo septimo Episcopo pro optinendo consecrationis munere presentata , idem Episcopus nulla premissa examinatione processus hujusmodi electionis , quia satis constitit sibi eam in presencia cujusdam clerici sui ad conventus dicti loci instanciam , illuc post recessum Episcopi dimissi fuisse de persona ydonea canonice celebratam , eandem electionem auctoritate pontificali confirmavit , curam et administrationem tam spiritualium quam temporalium dicte domus quantum ad ipsum pertinebat , prefato fratri Thome plenius committendo . Deinde prestito a dicto fratre Thoma juramento de obediendo Episcopo et Officialibus suis in canonicis mandatis , scriptum fuit¹ Archidiacono Lincoln' vel ejus Officiali quod id quod suum esset , etc , et quod injungeret , etc . Datum apud Parcum Stowe , die et anno domini supradictis.

ERESBY. R. Henry Dawtrey (de Alta Ripa), subd., rep. by Sir John Bek, knight, to the chapel of Eresby vacant because the said Henry had not been ordained priest within a year of institution. Inst., Stow Park, August 5, 1287.

KINGERBY (Kiniardby). V. John of Barton (Barton'), ch., p. by the P. and C. of Elsham to the vicarage of Kingerby vacant by the death of William. Inst., Lincoln, August 16, 1287.

STIXWOULD PRIORY (Stikeswald'). Note that Eve of Harpole appeared before the Bishop on September 11, 1287, for confirmation of her election as prioress of Stixwould in succession to Margery Gubaud who had resigned. Licence to elect had been obtained

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from Lady Alice de Lacy, acting on behalf of her son the Earl of Lincoln. The Bishop declared the election invalid on grounds of incorrect procedure, but appointed Eve as prioress upon his own responsibility.

Vacante monasterio monialium de Stykeswald' per cessionem sororis Margerie Gubaud¹ ultime priorisse ejusdem , pure , sponte et absolute oblatam et canonicè admissam , sororeque Eva de Hertepole ejusdem domus moniali in priorissam ipsius domus , petita prius eligendi licencia et optenta a domina Alesia de Lascy matre nobilis viri domini Henrici Comitis Lincoln' patroni domus , presentandi ad beneficia ecclesiastica de patronatu dicti Comitis , et licencias eligendi religiosis de patronatu ejusdem Comitis existentibus concedendi , et electionibus eorundem consentiendi in absencia prefati comitis in partibus transmarinis agentis potestatem habente , in priorissam dicti monasterii ut dicebatur electa , ipsiusque electione VII idus Septembris anno domini M.CC. LXXX septimo , Episcopo pro optinendo confirmationis munere presentata , idem Episcopus receptis quinque testibus super electione predicta probanda productis , juratis , examinatis , earumque dictis postmodum publicatis , quia per depositiones testium earundem licuit sibi de plano scrutinium per quod intendebant procedere eligentes , expeditum in forma debita non fuisse , nec publicationem votorum debitam , aut collationem electionis ipsius rite prolatam fuisse , dictam electionem nequaquam ex vitio persone electe sed solum ex vitio processus electionis ipsius tanquam contra formam concilii minus canonicè celebratam cassavit , irritavit et denunciavit penitus non tenere , reservans sibi propter culpam et defectum eligentium potestatem providendi dicte domui illa vice . Deinde examinata persona dicte sororis Eve electe quia de ydoneitate persone ipsius , religionis fervore , munditia vite , ac aliis decoris moribus invenit eadem electe laudabile testimonium perhiberi , ipsam sororem Evam in priorissam domus ejusdem de Stykeswald' jure ad eum in hac parte devoluto prefecit , curam et administrationem tam spiritualium quam temporalium dicte domus quatenus ad ipsam pertinebat et congruebat statui muliebri sibi plenius committendo . Jurataque per dictam priorissam Episcopo et officialibus suis canonica obedientia in forma consueta , Scriptum fuit¹ Officiali¹ Archidiaconi Lincoln' , quod id quod suum esset circa ipsius priorisse installationem , etc , et quod injungeret , etc.

CASTLE CARLTON (Castelkarleton'). R. Henry of Tansor (Tanneshovere), clerk in minor orders, p. by John called Chapeleyn, proctor of Philip d'Aubenay (de Aubeney), who presented as the guardian of the heir of Sir John Miriet, to the church of Castle

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Carlton vacant by the institution of John to the vicarage of Little Cawthorpe. Ordained subd., with letters dimissory, by the Archbishop of York on September 20, 1287. Inst., Louth on September 23, 1287.

LONG SUTTON (Sutton'). V. Walter of Kettlebaston (Ketilberston'), ch., p. by the P. and C. of Castleacre to the vicarage of Long Sutton vacant by the res. of Richard of Apeton (Apyton'). Inst., Grimsby, October 2, 1287.

LINCOLN, S. PETER-AT-PLEA (Sancti Petri ad placita). R. Ranulf of Dexthorpe (Drexthorp'), ch., p. by William Bailiff (Ballivus) of Atherington (Aderington'),¹ proctor-general in England of the A. and C. of Sées, to the church of S. Peter-at-Plea vacant by the death of Giles. Ranulf was given custody of the Bishop's share of the sequestrations in the church and later inst. at Nettleham, October 26, 1287. Had letters patent.

NORTH KELSEY (Kelesay). V. Walter of Baumber (Baumberg'), ch., p. by Master Simon of Baumber, Chancellor of Lincoln and prebendary of North Kelsey, to the vicarage of Kelsey vacant by the death of Henry. Inst., Stow Park, October 30, 1287.

LEGSBY (Leggesby). V. Robert of Hareby, ch., p. by the P. and C. of Sixhills to the vicarage of Legsby vacant by the death of Alexander de Leyc'. Inst., Sleaford, November 2, 1287.

DUNSTON (Donston'). V. Geoffrey of Walsham, ch., p. by the P. and C. of Nocton to the vicarage of Dunston vacant by the death of Master Hugh of Swinderby (Swynderby). Inst., Buckden, November 16, 1287.

WEST TORRINGTON (Tirington'). V. Master Richard of Ingham, ch., p. by the P. and C. of Bullington to the vicarage of West Torrington vacant because Walter of Baumber (Baumberg') had been inst. to the church of North Kelsey. Inst., Buckden, November 26, 1287.

GRIMSBY, S. JAMES (Sancti Jacobi de Grimesby). V. Reginald of Winchcomb (Wynhcumb'), ch., p. by the A. and C. of S. Augustine's (Wellow), Grimsby, to the vicarage of Grimsby, Saint James, vacant by the institution of Geoffrey of Walsham to the vicarage of Dunston. Inst., Buckden, December 8, 1287.

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CUXWOLD (Cukewold'). V. Walter of Skegness (Skegnes), ch., p. by the prioress and convent of Nun Coton to the vicarage of Cuxwold vacant by the death of John. Inst., Buckden, December 15, 1287.

STAMFORD, S. ANDREW (Sancti Andree, Staumford'). R. Richard son of William of Stamford, clerk in minor orders, p. by the prioress and convent of S. Michael's outside Stamford to the church of S. Andrew vacant by the death of William. Ordained subd. and inst. at Huntingdon December 20, 1287.

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MALTBY (Malteby). R. Richard of Keston, clerk in minor orders, p. by Sir Robert of Tattershall, knight, to the church of Maltby near Strubby vacant by the death of John. The presentation was disputed by Sir William of Wells, knight, who put forward another candidate. The case was tried in the King's court and a writ (given in full) directed the Bishop to accept Sir Robert's candidate. Richard was therefore ordained subd. and inst. at Huntingdon, December 20, 1287. Had letters patent.

Ricardus de Kestan' clericus presentatus in minoribus ordinibus per dominum Robertum de Tatershale militem ad ecclesiam de Malteby vacantem per mortem Johannis ultimi rectoris ejusdem facta prius inquisitione per W. Archidiaconum Lincoln' per quam acceptum est in cetera dictam ecclesiam esse litigiosam per oppositionem domini Willelmi de Welles militis, alium clericum ad dictam ecclesiam presentantis, post altercationem aliqualem in Curia domini Regis habitam inter eos, tandem exhibitum fuit Episcopo breve regium sub hac forma: — E. etc, Sciatis quod cum Willelmus de Welles in curia nostra coram Justiciariis nostris apud Westmonasterium arramiasset assisam ultime presentationis versus Robertum de Tatershale de ecclesia de Malteby juxta Struby que vacat ut dicitur, idem Willelmus venit in eadem curia nostra et remisit et quietum clamavit de se et heredibus suis predicto Roberto et heredibus suis in perpetuum, Et ideo vobis mandamus quod non obstante reclamatione predicti Willelmi ad presentationem predicti Roberti ad prefatam ecclesiam personam ydoneam admittatis. Teste T. de Weylaund' apud Westmonasterium VI die Novembris anno regni nostri XV. — Propter quod dictus Ricardus XIII kalendas Januarii anno octavo apud Huntingdon' in subdiaconatum ordinatus, ad dictam ecclesiam est admissus eisdem kalendis, anno et loco, et rector canonice institutus in eadem, Jurataque Episcopo canonica obediencia in forma consueta, scriptum est dicto Archidiacono vel ejus officiali quod, etc, et habet idem Ricardus litteram de institutione patentem.

CROXBY (Croxby). R. Richard of Yaxley (Jakele), clerk in minor orders, p. by the A. and C. of Holy Cross at Waltham to the church of Croxby vacant by the res. of Richard of Cookham (Cokeham). Ordained subd. and inst. December 20, 1287 (presumably at Huntingdon although the place is not mentioned). Had letters patent.

FRAMPTON CHAPEL (Fraunton'). Robert of Wenham, ch., p. by Thomas son of Lambert of Moulton (Multon') to the chapel situated in his manor of Frampton vacant by the death of John Kepas. Inst., Buckden, December 30, 1287.

GRANTHAM BOREALIS, PREBEND (Graham). R. Note that, when the Prebend of Grantham Borealis fell vacant by the death of Master John of Burton, Master Henry of Dinsdale appeared before the Bishop as proctor of Master William de Berges, Archdeacon of Berkshire. The said proctor bore letters (given in full) from the Bishop of Salisbury presenting Master William to the Prebend of Grantham Borealis. The Bishop of Lincoln refused to institute Master William until he should appear in person, but committed the custody of the prebend to his proctor. Master William then came to Buckden on January 8, 1288, and was inst., the customary inquisition being omitted. He received letters patent, which are given in full.

Vacante medietate ecclesie de Graham que prebenda borealis¹ vocatur per mortem magistri Johannis de Burton' ultimi rectoris ejusdem, Magister Henricus de Dittenshale clericus et procurator Magistri Willelmi de Berges Archidiaconi Barksir' prout in procuratorio per eundem Magistrum Henricum exhibito plenius apparebat, quamdam litteram venerabilis patris domini Saresber' Episcopi ad dictam medietatem presentatoriam, IX kalendas Decembris anno domini M.CC. octogesimo septimo apud Bukkeden' domino Lincoln' Episcopo exhibuit sub hac forma: — Reverendo patri in Christo domino Olivero dei gracia Lincoln' Episcopo, H. permissione divina Saresber' ecclesie minister fraternam in deo caritatem cum reverencia et honore. Canoncatum et prebendam in ecclesia nostra Saresber' per mortem venerabilis memorie Johannis nuper canonici et precentoris ejusdem ecclesie nostre Saresber' vacantes, dilecto filio Magistro Willelmo de Berges Archidiacono Berk' contulimus intuitu caritatis. Et quia prebenda ipsa in fructibus et proventibus borealis medietatis de Graham cum pertinentiis aliis consistit, qui quidem fructus in diocese vestra et jurisdictioni vestre sunt subjecti, eundem W. paternitati vestre presentium tenore presentamus, humiliter supplicantes quatinus ipsum W. vel ejus procuratorem benigne admittentes,

¹ Sic.

quod vestrum est circa hoc exequi velitis graciose . Conservet vos dominus in prosperitate bona ad honorem ecclesie sue per tempora diuturna . Valet . Datum apud Wodeford' XVI kalendas Decembris Anno domini M.CC. octogesimo septimo . — Et quia Episcopus eidem presentato absenti nichil facere voluit illa vice , eundem presentatum in persona dicti procuratoris sui admittere distulit et instituere donec suam presenciam exhiberet , sibi in persona dicti procuratoris sui dicte medietatis custodiam usque ad certum tempus committendo , prout in rotulo custodiarum plenius continetur , postmodum VI Idus Januarii anno predicto dictus Magister Willelmus comparens personaliter apud Bukkeden' ad dictam medietatem ecclesie de Graham , nulla inquisitione premissa , est admissus , eisdem die , anno et loco , et in eo rector canonice institutus . Jurataque Episcopo canonica obediencia in forma consueta , scriptum est Archidiacono Lincoln' vel ejus officiali quod , etc, et habet litteram de institutione patentem sub hac forma : — Oliverus permissione divina Lincoln' Episcopus , dilecto in Christo filio Magistro Willelmo de Berges Archidiacono Bark' salutem , graciam et benedictionem . Ad prebendam borealem ecclesie de Graham nostre diocesis vacantem ad quam per venerabilem patrem dominum H. die gracia Sarisber' Episcopum nobis legitime presentatus existis te admittimus et rectorem canonice instituimus in eadem , salvis in omnibus episcopalibus consuetudinibus et Lincoln' ecclesie dignitate . In cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostrum presentibus est appensum . Datum apud Bukkeden VI idus Januarii anno domini M.CC. octogesimo septimo et pontificatus nostri octavo . Data sunt hec die , loco et anno domini predictis , presentibus Magistris Gocelino de Kirnington' , Waltero de Wotton , domino Roberto de Thorp' , Roberto de Pratellis , Roberto de Kibbewrth' , Rogero de Sixil , et Johanne de Scalleby capellanis , ac Willelmo de Askeby clerico .

WISPINGTON (Wyspington'). R. Ralph of Dalby (Daleby), ch., p. by Sir John Bek, knight, to the church of Wispington vacant by the death of Henry of Wheatley (Whetele). Inst., Buckden, January 9, 1288, and had letters patent.

LINCOLN, S. NICHOLAS IN NEWPORT (Sancti Nicholai in Neuport Lincoln'). V. Ralph Pylat, ch., p. by the D. and C. of Lincoln to the church of S. Nicholas in Newport, Lincoln, vacant by the death of Elias. Inst., Buckden, March 12, 1288.

THORGANBY (Thorgramby). R. William of Thoresby, ch., p. by Sir William of Belesby (Belesby), knight, to the fourth part of the church of Thorganby vacant by the death of Walter of Grimsby (Grimesby). Inst., Buckden, April 11, 1288.

GREAT STEEPING (Magna Steping). V. Richard of Bovington (Bovington'), ch., p. by the A. and C. of Bardney to the vicarage of Great Steeping vacant because Richard the last vicar had received preferment in the diocese of York. Inst., Buckden, April 12, 1288.

KIRKBY GREEN (Kirkeby). R. Robert of Billingborough (Bilingburg'), ch., p. by the P. and C. of Sempringham to the church of Kirkby Green vacant because the Bishop had deprived Alan de Wetechanger of the living on account of misbehaviour. Inst., Buckden, April 13, 1288.

GOULCEBY (Golkesby). V. Peter of Harmby (Herneby), ch., p. by Robert de Turville (Turvile), Master of the Templars in England, to the vicarage of Goulceby vacant by the death of Peter. Inst., Theydon, April 22, 1288.

GOXHILL (Gousel). R. Master John of Creacombe, Archdeacon of the East Riding in Yorkshire, p. by the P. and C. of Bridlington to the church of Goxhill vacant by the death of Alan of Grinton. Master John produced an indulgence to hold in plurality, granted by Pope Honorius IV. He was inst. at Fingest, May 17, 1288, and had letters patent.

Magister Johannis de Craucumb' Archidiaconus Estreding' in ecclesia Ebor' presentatus per¹ Priorem et Conventum de Bridelington' Ebor' diocesis ad ecclesiam de Gousel vacantem per mortem Alani de Grenton ultimi rectoris ejusdem, facta prius inquisitione per W. Archidiaconum Lincoln' per quam acceptum est inter cetera dictum Magistrum Johannem esse alibi beneficiatum, exhibitisque per eundem Magistrum Johannem quibusdam dispensationibus Honorii pape quarti eidem Magistro Johanni concessis quorum tenores in dorso rotuli continentur, cum omnia pro parte ipsius Magistri Johannis esse plana, ad dictam ecclesiam est admissus, XVI kalendas Junii anno octavo apud Tyngehirst et rector canonice institutus in forma consueta, scriptum est dicto Archidiacono vel ejus officiali quod, etc, et habet litteram de institutione patentem.

Dispensationes Magistri Johannis de Craucumb'.²

Two dispensations granted by Pope Honorius IV to Master John of Creacombe.

- (a) Dispensation to hold in plurality the church of Burton-on-Trent and the Archdeaconry of East Riding with a canonry and prebend in the cathedral of York. Given at Santa Sabina, February 22, 1286.

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² This entry is endorsed.

- (b) Dispensation to hold in plurality another church together with the ecclesiastical offices mentioned in the previous document. Given at Santa Sabina, December 1, 1286.

(a) Honorius Episcopus servus servorum dei dilecto filio Magistro Johanni de Craucumb' Archidiacono Estrid' in ecclesia Ebor' doctori decretorum, salutem, et apostolicam benedictionem. Apostolice sedis benignitas consueta sicut merita personarum provida deliberatione discernit, ut eos qui litterarum sciencia et morum honestate precellunt favoris gracia efferat amplioris et majoribus studeat beneficiis honorare. Non incongrue namque uni quod sufficeret pluribus benigna provisione conceditur, cum circa dona virtutum solus optinere dinoscitur, quod divisim in pluribus invenitur. Sane in nostra preposuisti presencia constitutus, quod tu olim ecclesiam de Birton' super Trentam Ebor' diocesis cui cura iminet animarum commendatam tibi ante generale concilium Lugdun' celebratum novissime recepisti, et post dictum concilium Archidiaconatum Estrid' similem curam habentem et canonicatum ac prebendam in ecclesia Ebor' recipiens, dictam ecclesiam una cum dictis Archidiaconatu et prebenda absque dispensatione apostolica tenuisti, a tempore receptionis ipsius ecclesie fructus, redditus et obventiones percipiens ex eadem, quare cupiens consciencie statui¹ tuo consulere, nobis humiliter supplicasti, ut providere in hac parte tibi per dispensationis beneficium de benignitate apostolica dignemur. Nos igitur litterarum scienciam, aliaque virtutum merita, que tibi suffragari dicuntur, benigne pensantes, et volentes providere personam tuam prosequi graciose, tecum ut generalis concilii et alia quavis contraria constitutione circa hoc edita seu quod dictam ecclesiam de Birton' taliter tenuisti, et fructus, redditus et obventiones percepisti ex ea, quos tibi remittimus de gracia speciali nequaquam obstantibus, ipsam ecclesiam de Birton' cum Archidiaconatu et prebenda prefatis possis licite retinere auctoritate apostolica dispensamus, omnem maculam sive notam ex hujusmodi retentione ipsius ecclesie ac perceptione dictorum fructuum, reddituum, et obventionum exortam, ita quod nichil tibi possit propterea obici, nullumve impedimentum seu obstaculum interponi, de potestatis plenitudine abolentes, proviso quod dicti Archidiaconatus prebenda et ecclesia de Birton' debitis obsequiis non fraudentur, et animarum cura in eisdem Archidiaconatu et ecclesia nullatenus negligatur. Nulli ergo onnino hominum liceat hanc paginam nostre remissionis, dispensationis et abolitionis infringere vel ei ausu temerario contraire. Si quis autem hoc attemptare presumpserit, indignationem omnipotentis dei et beatorum Petri et Pauli apostolorum ejus se noverit incursurum. Datum Rome apud Sanctam Sabinam, VIII kalendas Martii, pontificatus nostri anno primo.

¹ These words are conjectural, as the MS. is much worn at this point.

(b) Item . Honorius episcopus , etc , dilecto filio Magistro Johanni de Craucumbe doctori decretorum canonico et Archidiacono Estreding' in ecclesia Ebor' salutem et apostolicam benedictionem . Apostolice sedis benignitas consueta sic merita personarum provida deliberatione discernit , ut eos qui litterarum scientia et morum honestate precellunt favoris gracia efferat amplionis et majoribus studeat beneficiis honorare . Hinc est quod nos tue multiplicis probitatis merita super quibus tibi laudabile testimonium perhibetur , benignius attendentes , et volentes ex hoc tibi gratiam facere specialem , tuis supplicationibus inclinati , devotioni tue quod preter canonicatum et prebendam ac Archidiaconatum Estrid' in ecclesia Ebor' et ecclesiam de Birton' super Trentam Ebor' diocesis curam animarum habentes , quos simul ex dispensatione apostolica canonice optinere te asseris , unicum aliud ecclesiasticum beneficium etiam si similis ei cura imineat si tibi canonice offeratur , licite recipere , ac cum predictis canonicatu , prebenda , Archidiaconatu et ecclesia habere , retinere valeas constitutione generalis concilii non obstante , auctoritate presentium indulgemus . Proviso quod Archidiaconatus et ecclesia seu beneficium hujusmodi debitis non fraudentur obsequiis et animarum cura in eis quibus illa iminet nullatenus negligatur . Nulli ergo omnino hominum liceat hanc paginam nostre concessionis infringere , etc . Si quis autem , etc . Datum Rome apud Sanctam Sabinam kalendis Decembris , pontificatus nostri anno secundo.

X' XIII KALENDAS JUNII DIE SANCTI DUNSTANI ANNO DOMINI M.CC. OCTOGESIMO OCTAVO INCIPIT ANNUS PONTIFICATUS DOMINI NOSTRI DOMINI OLIVERI EPISCOPI LINCOLN' NONUS.

BELCHFORD, Mediety (Beltesford'). R. Eymo¹ de Vienne (Vienna), clerk in minor orders, p. by the P. and C. of Trentham to the mediety of the church of Belchford vacant by the res. of Sir Hugh de Vienne. Ordained subd. and inst. May 22, 1288 (presumably at Thame), and had letters patent.

KIRTON NEAR BOSTON (Kirketon). R. Note that when the church of Kirton fell vacant, by the consecration of Antony Bek as Bishop of Durham, William Hanley, Prior of the Hospitallers in England, presented Master William of Louth. The presentation was disputed by Sir Thomas son of Lambert of Moulton, knight, who put forward Robert of Belstead. The case was tried in the

¹ Sic.

King's court and a writ (enrolled upon the custody roll but not here given in full) directed the Bishop to accept William Hanley's candidate. Master William of Louth, however, resigned, so Thomas of Goldsborough, under age and in minor orders, was presented in his stead. The custody of the church was committed to Master Nicholas of Weedon. When Thomas came of age he was ordained subd. and inst. at Thame, May 22, 1288, and had letters patent.

Vacante ecclesia de Kirketon' in Hoyland' per consecrationem domini Antonii Bek ultimi rectoris ejusdem in Episcopum Dunelm', magistroque Willelmo de Luda per fratrem Willelmum Haunle priorem Hospitalis Sancti Johannis Jerusalem' in Anglia, ex una parte, et Roberto de Belsted' capellano per dominum Thomam filium Lamberti de Moleton' militem, ex altera, presentatis ad eandem, factaque inquisitione per W. Archidiaconum Lincoln' per quam acceptum est, etc, litigato insuper aliquamdiu in curia domini Regis inter presentatores predictos, demum post diutinam altercationem habitam inter eos, exhibitum fuit Episcopo breve regium de judicio reddito pro priore predicto, cujus tenor in rotulo custodiarum continetur, tandem predicto magistro Willelmo de Luda juri sibi competenti ex presentatione predicta litteratorie renunciante. Thoma de Goldeburg' clerico ad dictam ecclesiam per priorem hospitalis predictum in annis minoribus presentato, facta prius inquisitione in forma consueta, quia idem presentatus non erat etatis legitime, commissa fuit ipsius custodia et ecclesie predictae Magistro Nicholao de Wedon' clerico usque ad plenam etatem ipsius presentati. Quia postmodum major factus et XI kalendas Junii anno IX apud Tham' in subdiaconatum ordinatus, ad dictam ecclesiam est admissus eisdem die, anno et loco, et rector canonice institutus in eadem, Jurataque episcopo canonica obediencia in forma consueta, scriptum est dicto Archidiacono quod, etc, et habet litteram de institutione patentem.

KIRKBY LAYTHORPE, Mediety (Kirkeby Sancti Dionisii). R. John de la Haye, d., p. by the A. and C. of Croxden in Staffordshire to the mediety of the church of Kirkby Laythorpe vacant because Master William of Uppingham had received other preferment. Inst., Hinckley, June 7, 1288.

STICKFORD, Mediety (Stikeford'). R. Peter of Harmby (Herneby), ch., p. by Hamund de Boulogne (Boloniam) to the mediety of the church of Stickford vacant by the death of Nicholas. Inst., Gracedieu, June 10, 1288.

DEANERY OF LINCOLN (Decanatus ecclesie Lincoln'). Note that Sir Philip of Willoughby, canon of Lincoln, was elected dean in

succession to Master Nicholas of Higham who had died. Philip appeared before the Bishop at Liddington on June 20, 1288, for confirmation of his election, bringing a dispensation from the Pope to hold in plurality the deanery of Lincoln and the living of Cliffe in the diocese of Rochester. His election was found to be valid and confirmed on condition that he gave up the custody of other churches which he held. He received letters patent (given in full) addressed to the subdean and chapter of Lincoln.

Vacante decanatu ecclesie Lincoln' per mortem Magistri Nicolai de Heygham ultimi Decani ejusdem , dominoque Philippo de Wylgby canonico ipsius ecclesie in ejusdem Decanum electo , hujusmodi electio XII kalendas Julii Anno domini M.CC. octogesimo octavo apud Lidington' fuit Episcopo presentata , Qui quidem Episcopus processum ejusdem electionis et personam electi examinans diligenter , cum sibi de eodem processu fides sufficiens in forma juris facta esset , ipsumque per viam compromissi celebratum fuisse legitime comparisset¹ , et de moribus electi laudabile testimonium recepisset , exhibitaque per dictum electum quadam dispensatione domini Honorii pape quarti sub forma que in dorso rotuli continetur , prestitoque ab eodem electo ad sancta dei Ewangelia juramento quod de ecclesiis de Wlgby et de² quas nomine custodie primitus possederat , se nequaquam intromitteret in futuro , eandem electionem auctoritate pontificali confirmavit , die , loco et anno domini supradietis , curam et administrationem tam spiritualium quam temporalium ad dictum decanatum juxta morem preteriti temporis pertinentium eidem domino Philippo plenius committendo , Jurataque Episcopo et Officialibus suis canonicam obedienciam in forma consueta , scriptum fuit subdecano et capitulo ecclesie Lincoln' sub hac forma : — O. etc , dilectis in Christo filiis² subdecano et capitulo ecclesie (*Membrane* 19) nostre Lincoln' salutem , gratiam et benedictionem . Quia electionem factam de domino Philippo de Wlgby concanonico vestro in Decanum ecclesie nostre predicte quam de persona ydonea rite invenimus celebratam auctoritate pontificali duximus confirmandam , curam et administrationem tam spiritualium quam temporalium ad decanatum prescripte ecclesie juxta morem preteriti temporis pertinentium committentes eidem , Vobis mandamus quatinus quod ad vos pertinet in hac parte exequi non tardetis , vobis omnibus et singulis firmiter injungentes ut eidem domino Philippo tanquam Decano sitis decetero obedientes et plenius intendentes . Universis ministris ecclesie prefate ut³ pro se faciant illud idem per vos vice nostra injungi volumus et mandamus . Valet . Datum apud Lidington' , XII kalendas Julii , Pontificatus nostri anno nono.

¹ Sic.

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³ Conjectural. MS. torn.

Dispensatio domini Philippi de Wlgby.¹

Dispensation granted by Pope Honorius IV to Sir Philip of Willoughby, to hold in plurality the church of Cliffe in the diocese of Rochester together with one other ecclesiastical office. Given at Tivoli, July 11, 1286.

Honorius episcopus servus servorum dei dilecto filio Philippo de Wlgby Rectori ecclesie de Clive Roffens' diocesis salutem et apostolicam benedictionem . Licet ne quis plures ecclesias vel dignitates ecclesiasticas habeat sacri concilii constitutio interdicat , illos tamen nonnunquam apostolice sedis benignitas ampliori prosequitur gracia quos novit patentioribus meritis adjuvari . Cum itaque sicut ex parte tua fuit propositum coram nobis de proventibus et redditibus ecclesie tue de Clive , Roffens' diocesis , cui cura imminet animarum , non valeas secundum persone tue statum et terre consuetudinem , comode sustentari , nos volentes te ob tuorum exigentiam meritorum speciali prosequi gracia et favore , tibi quod preter ecclesiam supradictam unicum aliud ecclesiasticum beneficium , etiam si sit personatus vel dignitas et similem curam habeat si tibi canonice offeratur licite recipere ac cum predicta ecclesia libere valeas retinere , constitutione generalis concilii aut alia contraria super hoc edita non obstante , auctoritate presentium indulgemus . Proviso quod ecclesia , personatus vel dignitas aut beneficium hujusmodi debitis non fraudentur obsequiis , et animarum cura in eis quibus ipsa iminet nullatenus negligatur . Nulli ergo omnino hominum liceat hanc paginam nostre concessionis infringere vel ei ausu temerario contraire . Si quis autem hoc attemptare presumpserit , indignationem omnipotentis dei et beatorum Petri et Pauli apostolorum ejus se noverit incursurum . Datum Tibure quinto idus Julii pontificatus nostri anno secundo.

ABY.² V. Roger of Mablethorpe (Malberthorp'), ch., p. by the prioress and convent of Greenfield to the vicarage of Aby vacant by the death of Peter. Inst., Liddington, June 26, 1288.

GOULCEBY (Gokkesby). V. Thomas of Willoughton (Wylgton'), ch., p. by Robert de Turville (Turvile), Master of the Templars in England, to the vicarage of Goulceby vacant by the institution of Peter to the mediety of the church of Stickford. Inst., Nettleham, July 31, 1288.

ALGARKIRK (Algerkirk'). R. Robert of Belstead (Belsted'), ch., p. by Sir Thomas son of Sir Lambert of Moulton (Multon'),

¹ This entry is endorsed on membrane 18.

² This entry is preceded by part of an entry referring to Spridlington. This however, has been cancelled.

knight, to the church of Algarkirk vacant by the death of Richard of Moulton. Inst., Stow Park, August 19, 1288, and had letters patent.

SEMPRINGHAM (Sempingham'). V. Peter of Birthorpe (Birthorp'), ch., p. by the P. and C. of Sempringham to the vicarage of Sempringham vacant by the res. of Robert of Billingborough (Bilingburg')¹. Inst., Lincoln, August 30, 1288.

THEDDLETHORPE ST. HELEN, Mediety (Thethelthorp'). R. Simon called Fraunk of Horwood, ch., p. by Sir Alan of Conisholme knight, to the mediety of the church of S. Helen at Theddlethorpe, vacant by the death of Geoffrey of Stoke. The right of presentation was disputed by the prioress and convent of Legbourne, who presented Master William of Langworth. The prioress and her candidate, however, later withdrew their claims, and Simon Fraunk was inst. on September 5, 1288 (presumably at or near Corby, but the place of institution is not given).

Simon dictus Fraunk' de Horwode capellanus presentatus per dominum Alanum de Cuningesholm' militem ad medietatem ecclesie Sancte Elene de Thethelthorp' vacantem per mortem Galfridi de Stok' ultimi rectoris ejusdem . Facta prius inquisitione per W. Archidiaconum Lincoln' per quam acceptum est inter cetera dictam ecclesiam esse litigiosam per oppositionem² Priorisse et Conventus de Lekeburn' alium clericum scilicet magistrum Willelmum de Langewath' presentantium ex adverso , et tandem eisdem Priorisse et Conventu concedentibus dicto domino Alano presentationem suam ad dictam medietatem ecclesie de Thethelthorp' illa vice , dictoque Magistro Willelmo jure sibi competente ex presentatione de se facta renunciante expresse , ad dictam medietatem est admissus , nonis Septembris , anno nono , et rector canonice institutus in eadem . Jurataque Episcopo canonica obediencia in forma consueta . Scriptum est dicto Archidiacono , etc.

BONBY (Bondeby). V. Philip of Reston (Riston'), ch., p. by Master John le Fleming (Flemeng), proctor in England of the P. and C. of S. Fromund's in the diocese of Coutances, to the vicarage of Bonby vacant by the res. of Stephen. Inst., Corby, September 6, 1288.

STICKFORD³ (Stikeford'). R. Thomas of Mablethorpe (Malberthorp'), subd., p. by the P. and C. of Markby to the church of

¹ The words 'Robert of' omitted in the text.

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³ This was a mediety although it is not described as such. See p. 108.

Stickford vacant by the death of Nicholas. Inst., Theydon, September 21, 1288.

SEARBY¹ (Severby). V. Robert of Thame (Tame), ch., p. by the D. and C. of Lincoln to the newly-constituted vicarage of Searby. The usual inquisition was omitted. Inst., Lincoln, September 3, 1288.

*Ordinatio vicarie de Severby.*² Letters patent of Bishop Sutton, ordaining a vicarage at Searby and arranging in detail for the payment of the vicar's stipend and for his responsibilities. Given at Theydon, April 23, 1288.

Oliverus permissione divina Lincoln' Episcopus , dilectis in Christo filiis³ Decano et Capitulo ecclesie Lincoln' salutem , gratiam et benedictionem . Cum ecclesiam de Severby nostre diocesis vestrique notorie patronatus nunc vacantem , ac annuam XX librarum pensionem pecuniam de bonis ejusdem ad ecclesie vestre luminare salubriter ab antiquo provisam et optentam , jam ordinationi nostre certa consideratione submiseritis patenter et absolute , nos ad honorem dei glorioseque genetricis sue curam parochialem dicte ecclesie de Severby sollicitius peragi in futurum et dictum luminare ob intuitum luminis indefessi perpetuari cupientes , dictam ecclesiam cum omnibus juribus et pertinentiis suis pro dicto luminari juxta morem temporis preteriti copiosius in augmentum cultus divini sustinendo , salva vicaria statuenda vobis et successoribus vestris appropriandam duximus per presentes , ordinantes quod nobis et successoribus nostris de cetero clericus ydoneus per vos presentetur , qui perpetuus vicarius quotiens res exegerit instituatur in eadem , cum onere personaliter et socio capellano ministrandi . Et quod dicta vicaria consistat in manso sumptibus vestris ab initio competenter edificato , et LX solidos de mensa commune vestra in festis Sancti Michaelis et Pasche annuatim pro rata percipiendis , tribusque acris terre diaconi non decimandis , decimis lini et canobii , lane quoque agnorum et nutrimentum quorumcumque animalium necnon in obventionibus de molendinis , curtilagiis et curia Abbatis de Thornton' , cujuscumque generis mortuariis , et etiam omnibus aliis ad alteragium quoquomodo spectantibus , preterquam de incrementis mansi vestri et animalium propriorum cum familia seu locum vestrum tenentis ibidem perpetuo duratura . Adicimus insuper supradictis quod constructionem et refectionem cancelli , librorumque et ornamentorum ac ceterum onerum ordinariorum et extraordinariorum , preter luminaria , vinum , incensum et oblatas agnoscatis

¹ The words " Ordinatio vicarie " , in another hand, appear in the margin.

² This entry is endorsed and the heading is in the same hand as the words " ordinatio vicarie " on the front of the roll.

³ Blank in MS.

in perpetuum , jurisdictione tamen contentiosa et ex officio cum sequela de parochia sicut et antea manente vobis semper salva potestatem moderandi supradicta , ambiguumque interpretandi , nobis et successoribus nostris specialiter reservantes . In cujus rei testimonium , sigillum nostrum presentibus est appensum . Datum apud Theyden' , IX kalendas Maii , Anno domini M.CC.LXXX octavo , et pontificatus nostri octavo.

BURTON COGGLES (Birton'). R. Master Hugh of Hulme, clerk in minor orders, p. by the P. and C. of Barnwell to the church of Burton Coggles vacant by the death of Roger. The right of presentation was disputed by Robert of Brackenborough, who presented another candidate. The case was tried in the King's court and a writ (given in full) directed the Bishop to accept the prior's candidate. Hugh was therefore ordained subd. and inst. at Hertford, September 18, 1288, and had letters patent.

Magistro Hugone de Hulmo clerico presentato in minoribus ordinibus per Priorem et Conventum de Bernewelle ad ecclesiam de Birton' vacantem per mortem Rogeri ultimi rectoris ejusdem , factaque inquisitione per W. Archidiaconum Lincoln' per quam acceptum est inter cetera dictam ecclesiam esse litigiosam per oppositionem Roberti de Brakenbergh' alium clericum presentantis ex adverso , et post altercationem aliqualem in curia domini Regis habitam inter presentantes predictos , exhibito brevi domini Regis episcopo sub hac forma : — E. etc . Sciatis quod Prior de Bernewelle in curia nostra coram Justiciariis domini Regis apud Westmonasterium recuperavit presentationem suam ad ecclesiam de Birton' versus Robertum de Brakenbergh et Magistrum Radulfum de Wycham per assisam ultime presentationis ibi inde inter eos captam . Et ideo vobis mandamus quod non obstante reclamatione predictorum Roberti et Radulfi ad presentationem predicti Prioris ad predictam ecclesiam idoneam personam admittatis . Teste T. de Weylaund' apud Westmonasterium XII die Julii anno regni nostri XVI. — Demum idem Magister Hugo XIII kalendas Octobris anno nono apud Herteford' in subdiaconatum ordinatus , ad dictam ecclesiam est admissus eisdem die , anno et loco et rector canonice institutus in eadem . Jurataque Episcopo canonica obediencia in forma consueta scriptum est dicto Archidiacono quod , etc , et habet litteram de institutione patentem.

ASHBY BY PARTNEY (Askeby juxta Parteneya). R. Alan of Panton (Paunton'), clerk in minor orders, p. by Sir Hugh of Panton, knight, to the church of Ashby by Partney vacant by the death of Adam of Benniworth (Beningwrth'). Ordained subd. and inst., after he had sworn that he was of sufficient age, at Hertford, September 18, 1288. Had letters patent.

CUXWOLD (Cukewold'). V. Thomas of Kirmington (Kirnington'), ch., p. by the prioress and convent of Nun Coton to the vicarage of Cuxwold vacant by the res. of Walter. Inst., September 30, 1288 (place of institution not given).

BRADLEY (Bradele). R. William of Middleton (Middelton'), subd., p. by the King to the church of Bradley vacant by the death of Peter le Rus. After holding the church *in commendam* for a time, William was inst. at the Old Temple, London, October 17, 1288.

CANWICK (Canewyk). Godfrey of Skellingthorpe (Skeldinghop'), ch., p. by the P. and C. of S. Katherine outside Lincoln to the church of Canwick vacant by the death of Anselm. Inst., Biggleswade, November 6, 1288.

HAGNABY.¹ (Hagneby). V. William of Miningsby (Methingesby), ch., p. by the A. and C. of Revesby to the vicarage of Hagnaby vacant by the res. of Gilbert. Inst., November 13, 1288.

FRAMPTON (Frauption'). R. Master Michael of Boyton (Boyton'), pr., p. by Lady Joan of Huntingfield (Huntingfeud') to the church of Frampton vacant by the death of Thomas of Huntingfield. Inst., Buckden, November 25, 1288, and had letters patent.

CLAYPOLE, North Mediety (Cleypole). R. Master Robert of Retford (Retford'), pr., p. by Richard son of Richard of Howell (Huwell') to the church of Claypole vacant by the death of Robert of Sutton. Inst., Buckden, December 16, 1288, and had letters patent.

STAMFORD, S. GEORGE (S. Georgii Staumford'). R. Master John of Ferriby (Feriby), clerk in minor orders, p. by Master John le Fleming (Flemeng), proctor of the P. and C. of S. Fromund's in the diocese of Coutances, to the church of S. George at Stamford, vacant because Philip had been instituted to the vicarage of Bonby. Master John received the church *in commendam* on October 8, 1288. Ordained subd. and inst. at Huntingdon, December 18, 1288.

BLOXHOLM (Bloxham). R. William of Stanton, chaplain, p. by Peter le Grellee² to the church of Bloxholm vacant by the death of Robert called le Hayr. Inst., Buckden, January 10, 1289, and had letters patent.

¹ This entry is followed by one, referring to the church of Buslingthorpe, which is cancelled.

² *Sic.*

HALTON HOLEGATE (Halton'). R. Master Ralph of Halton, subd., rep. by Sir Richard of Halton to the church of Halton Hologate vacant because the said Ralph had not been ordained priest within a year of institution. Inst., Buckden, January 24, 1289, in the person of Robert de Neville, proctor of Ralph's own proctor Robert of Colton. Had letters patent.

WEST RAVENDALE (Westravendale). V. Richard of Coates, pr., presented *in forma pauperis*, in obedience to a mandate of Pope Honorius IV, by William de Houteville, prior of Ravendale, acting as proctor of the A. and C. of Beauport, to the vicarage of West Ravendale vacant by the res. of Ralph of Bottesford. Richard appeared before the Bishop and complained that the stipend was too low and that the food (supplied from the priory) was altogether deficient in meat. Robert of Kirmington, proctor of William de Houteville, declared that the stipend was sufficient and had not been reduced, and that meat could be supplied at proper times. Richard of Coates finally agreed and was inst. at Buckden on January 18, 1288. Letters (given in full) were written on his behalf by the Bishop to the Archdeacon of Lincoln.

Vacante vicaria ecclesie de Westravendale per resignationem Radulfi de Botelesford' ultimi vicarii ejusdem domino O. dei gracia Lincoln' Episcopo litteratorie oblatam et admissam canonice ab eodem, frater Willelmus de Houteville dictus Prior de Ravendale Abbatis et Conventus de Bello Portu Premonstratensis ordinis Brioc' diocesis procurator in Anglia generalis presentandi ad ecclesias de eorundem religiosorum patronatu in Anglia specialem optinens potestatem, attendens Episcopum virtute cujusdam mandati quondam domini Honorii pape quarti sibi pro provisione Ricardo de Cotes pauperi presbitero in forma pauperum facienda directa, beneficium ecclesiasticum dicto Ricardo competens secundum sue merita probitatis, cum cura vel sine cura, spectans ad collationem seu presentationem prioris prioratus de Ravendale sive procuratoris dictorum Abbatis et Conventus monasterii de Bello portu apud Ravendale commorantis, seu negotiorum gestoribus ibidem, si quod in civitate vel diocese Lincoln' vacaret, vel quam cito se facultas offerret, prefato Roberto conferendum, sue collationi immo verius apostolice, prehabito processu legitimo quatenus requirebant qualitas negotii reservasse. Abbatique et conventui priori procuratori seu negotiorum gestori predictis inhibuisse, ne de hujusmodi beneficio in sue reservationis elusionem disponerent seu disponderet modo quovis, ac irritum et inane decrevisse si quod contra reservationem in inhibitionem hujusmodi a quoquam attemptatum foret aliquialiter in premissis, prefatam vicariam dicto domino Episcopo obtulit prefato Ricardo pauperi presbitero auctoritate apostolica conferendam. Cumque idem Ricardus pauper

presbiter ratione oblationis hujusmodi coram domino Episcopo predicto vocatus in scriptis proponeret cum effectu dictam vicariam non esse beneficium competens utpote in mensa prioris seu procuratoris predicti que est in perpetua carnum abstinencia cum una marca annua tantummodo consistentem que omnino ad unius capellani stipendiarii sustentationem ut asseruit minime se extendunt , et ab hoc sibi non debere provideri de ea set juxta mandati apostolici exigenciam de beneficio competenti , essetque ex parte dicti fratris Willelmi per magistrum Robertum de Kirnington' clericum procuratorem ab eodem fratre Willelmo substitutum tam in scriptis quam viva voce propositum ex adverso , quod dicta vicaria preter mensam et marcam predictas in quibusdam indumentis et calciamentis ac aliis ad estimationem dimidii marce per annum ad minus consistit , quodque priores seu procuratores apud Ravendale commorantes vicariis ibidem existentibus faciunt carnes temporibus debitis ministrari , quodque eadem vicaria auctoritate pontificali interveniente consensu Decani et capituli Lincoln' ecclesie tanquam sufficiens ad unius vicarii sustentationem antiquiter extitit legitime ordinata , quodque tantum valet quantum valuit tempore ordinationis predictae , ad que probanda idem procurator obtulit se paratum , demum XV kalendas Februarii anno domini M.CC. octogesimo octavo apud Bukkeden' , episcopus premissis et aliis prius propositis in hac parte diligenter auditis , predicto Ricardo capellano de consensu ipsius expresso , et ad petitionem procuratoris predicti de vicaria predicta de Westravendale secundum sufficienciam seu competenciam superius assignatam per confessionem procuratoris supradicti , auctoritate apostolica sibi in hac parte demandata providit , ipsumque vicarium perpetuum cum onere personaliter ministrandi et continue residendi canonice instituit in eadem . Jurataque episcopo canonica obediencia in forma consueta , prestitoque ab eodem Ricardo juramento de residendo in ea secundum formam constitutionis edita super vicariis admittendis , scriptum fuit Archidiacono Lincoln' sub hac forma : — O. etc , Archidiacono Lincoln' salutem , etc . Quoniam Ricardo de Cotes capellano de vicaria de Westravendale auctoritate apostolica nobis in hac parte commissa , juxta formam nobis demandatam duximus providendum , ab eodem Ricardo vicario provisionem hujusmodi sibi factam protinus acceptante juramentum de residencia personali juxta modum que sibi duximus facienda ibidem ex nostro officio admittentes , et expresse curam sibi animarum ejusdem parochie committentes , juxta modum que in matriculis nostris de hujusmodi processu nostro facte provisionis predictae plenius duximus describendum . Vobis mandamus quatinus eundem Ricardum corporalem possessionem dicte vicarie habere faciatis in forma predicta . Valete . Datum apud Bukkeden' , XV kalendas Februarii , anno domini M.CC. Octogesimo octavo et pontificatus nostri nono.

GREAT CARLTON (Carleton'). R. Collation to Martin Creuker, clerk in minor orders, by the Bishop (as patron) of the church of Great Carlton vacant by the death of Robert of ? Clixby (Clisseby). After holding the church *in commendam* for a time, Martin was ordained subd. and inst. at Buckden, February 10, 1289. Had letters patent.

DEMBLEBY. R. Robert le Venur, d., rep. by Sir Robert of Legbourne, knight, to the church of Dembleby vacant because the said Robert le Venur had not been ordained priest within a year of his institution. Inst., Bushmead, February 12, 1289.

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BURGH-LE-MARSH (Burg' juxta Waynflet'). V. Gilbert of Burgh (Burgo), ch., p. by the P. and C. of Bullington to the church of Burgh-le-Marsh vacant by the death of Ralph. Inst., Fingest, March 5, 1289.

SKIRBECK (Skirebek'). R. Master Laurence of Nafferton (Naffreton'), clerk in minor orders, p. by Sir Thomas son of Sir Lambert of Moulton, knight, to the church of Skirbeck vacant by the institution of Robert of Belstead to the church of Algarkirk. Laurence was given custody of the church for a time, and was afterwards ordained subd. and inst. at Wycombe, March 5, 1289.

HOWELL (Huwell'). R. Hugh of Claypole, clerk in minor orders, p. by Richard son of Richard of Howell to the church of Howell vacant by the institution of Robert of Retford to the mediety of the church of Claypole. Ordained subd. and inst. at Wycombe, March 5, 1289. Had letters patent.

SALTFLEETBY ST. CLEMENT (Sancti Clementis de Salfletby). R. Peter Le Vavasur, clerk in minor orders and under age, p. in the time of Bishop Gravesend by Sir Peter Galle, knight, to the church of S. Clement at Saltfleetby vacant by the death of John Kele. Held the church *in commendam* until he was of age. Ordained subd. and inst. at Wycombe, March 5, 1289.

HAINTON (Haynton'). V. William of Liston (Leston'), ch., p. by the D. and C. of Lincoln to the church of Hainton vacant by the death of Reginald. Inst., Kidlington, April 2, 1289.

X' XIII KALENDAS JUNII DIE SANCTI DUNSTANI ANNO DOMINI M.CC. OCTOGESIMO NONO INCIPIT ANNUS PONTIFICATUS DOMINI OLIVERI EPISCOPI LINCOLN' DECIMUS.

STAMFORD, S. MICHAEL MAJOR (Sancti Michaelis Staumford). R. Gilbert of Frieston (Freston'), clerk in minor orders, p. by the A. and C. of Crowland to the church of S. Michael Major at Stamford vacant by the death of Simon. Received the church *in commendam* March 26, 1289. Ordained subd. and inst. at Dunstable, June 4, 1289.

BUTTERWICK (Buttirwyk). V. John of Clopton, clerk in minor orders, p. by the A. and C. of Crowland to the church of Butterwick vacant by the death of Thomas. Ordained subd. and received the church *in commendam*, March 5, 1289. Ordained d. and inst. at Dunstable, June 4, 1289.

WEST BARKWITH (Westbarkewrth). R. John of Heslerton (Heslarton'), clerk in minor orders, p. by Master Roger of Heslerton to the church of West Barkwith vacant by the death of Robert. Ordained subd. and inst. at Dunstable, June 4, 1289, and had letters patent.

GATE BURTON (Burton'). V. William of Thorpe, subd., p. by Geoffrey de Scheyle, William of Morton and Robert of S. Alban's (S. Albano), monks and proctors of Crowland Abbey, to the church of Gate Burton vacant by the death of Andrew of Ely. Ordained d. and inst. at Dunstable, June 4, 1289.

RAND (Rande). R. Note that on the death of Nicholas Burdet, rector of Rand, the patron, another Nicholas Burdet, presented Alan vicar of Lissington. The presentation was opposed by Margery, widow of Sir Almeric Burdet, who presented Robert of Torrington. Nicholas then changed his mind, revoked his presentation of Alan, and presented his own brother Patrick Burdet, who was at first thought to be a minor but made proof of age. Margery being by this time dead, the case between Nicholas Burdet and Robert of Torrington was tried in the King's court, and a writ (given in full) directed the Bishop to accept Nicholas's candidate. At the same time the case between Patrick Burdet and Robert of Torrington had gone before the Dean of the Arches, who referred it back to the Bishop of Lincoln in a writ which is given in full. The Bishop therefore committed the custody of the church of Rand to Patrick Burdet on April 12, 1289, and ordained him subd. and inst. him at Dunstable, June 4, 1289. Patrick had letters patent.

Vacante ecclesia de Rande per mortem Nicholai Burdet ultimi rectoris ejusdem , Nicholaus Burdet Alanum vicarium de Lissington' ad eandem ecclesiam presentavit , factaque inquisitione per W. Archidiaconum Lincoln' per quam acceptum extitit inter cetera dictam ecclesiam esse litigiosam per oppositionem Margerie relicte domini Almarici Burdet , Robertum de Tirington' clericum presentantis ad dictam ecclesiam ex adverso . Demum prefatus Nicholaus suam mutans voluntatem et presentationem de dicto Alano factam revocans expresse , Patricium Burdet fratrem suum ad dictam ecclesiam presentavit , Ad quam quidam presentationem facta inquisitione per W. Archidiaconum Lincoln' per quam, etc., factaque de etate dicti Patricii qui minor apparebat fide sufficienti per testes juratos ipsius notitiam plenius obtinentes , prefata Margeria viam universe carnis est ingressa . Deinde habita inter prefatum Nicholaum Burdet et Robertum de Tirington' clericum per dictam Margeriam presentatum in curia domini Regis , necnon inter eundem Robertum et prefatum Patricium in curia Cantuar' altercatione prolixa , demum prefatus Nicholaus breve domini Regis Episcopo exhibuit sub hac forma : — E. etc . Sciatis quod Nicholaus Burdet in curia nostra coram Justiciariis nostris apud Westmonasterium per considerationem ejusdem curie nostre recuperavit presentationem suam versus Robertum filium Alani le Juvene de Esttyrington' ad ecclesiam de Rande . Et ideo vobis mandamus quod non obstante reclamacione predicti Roberti , ad presentationem predicti Nicholai ad predictam ecclesiam ydoneam personam admittatis . Teste T. de Weylaund' , apud Westmonasterium XXVI die Januarii anno regni nostri XVII . — Postmodum litteram decani de Arcubus London' Episcopo exhibuit sub hac forma : — Venerabili in Christo patri domino O. dei gracia Lincoln' episcopo , domini officialis curie Cantuar' commissarius , salutem et tanto patri reverenciam cum honore . Cum nos in causa appellationis que vertebatur vel verti sperabatur in Curia Cantuar' occasione ecclesie de Rande vestre diocesis inter Robertum de Esttirington partem ut dicitur appellantem ex parte una , et Patricium dictum Burdet partem appellatam ex altera , ipsas partes ab examine Curie Cantuar' totaliter dimiserimus justicia exigente , ad vos a quo suggeritur appellatum fuisse partes remittendo easdem , vestre paternitati significamus per presentes , quod non obstante aliqua inhibitione per Curiam Cantuar' vobis in hac parte prius facta , quod vestrum est libere exequi potestis . Datum London¹ X kalendas Aprilis Anno domini M.CC. octogesimo octavo . — Quibus peractis quia dictus Patricius non erat in sacris ordinibus constitutus , Episcopus II idus Aprilis anno IX commisit eidem Patricio custodiam dicte ecclesie usque ad proximas ordines subsequentes . Quibus II nonas Junii anno X apud Dunestaple celebratis , dictus Patricius in subdiaconatum ordinatus ad dictam

¹ Only the first two letters of this word are legible.

ecclesiam est admissus eisdem die , anno et loco , et rector canonice institutus in eadem . Jurataque episcopo canonica obediencia in forma consueta scriptum est dicto Archidiacono vel ejus officiali quod , etc , et habet litteram de institutione patentem.

GREETHAM (Gretham). R. Collation to Walter of Lowthorpe (Lauthorp'), subd., by the Bishop of the church of Greetham vacant by the death of Master William of Barton. Master Jocelyn of Kirmington had held the church *in commendam* for six months. Walter was inst. at Edlesborough, June 6, 1289, in the presence of Brother Ralph of Toft and Master Jocelyn of Kirmington, Canon of Lincoln.

HUMBERSTONE ABBEY (Humbersteyn). Note that John of Bratoft appeared before the Bishop for confirmation of his election as abbot of Humberstone in succession to Thomas of Sutterby who had died. Licence to elect had been obtained from Alice de Lacy, Countess of Lincoln, acting as proctor for her son the Earl. The Bishop declared the election invalid on grounds of incorrect procedure, but appointed John as abbot on his own responsibility. Thoroton, June 8, 1289.

Vacante monasterio de Humbersteyn per mortem fratris Thome de Sutterby ultimi Abbatis ejusdem , fratreque Johanne de Braytoft ejusdem monasterii priore in priorem¹ electo ut dicebatur , petita prius a domina Alesia comitissa Lincoln' habente potestatem presentandi ad beneficia de patronatu domini comitis Lincoln' patroni domus predicti , et licenciam eligendi Priores prioratuum et Abbates Monasteriorum vacantium de advocacione Comitiss supradicti concedendi , ipso in partibus transmarinis agente , eligendi licencia obtenta , demum processu hujusmodi electionis pro ipsius confirmatione habenda VII idus Junii anno domini M.CC. octogesimo nono apud Turveston' Episcopo presentato , et ipsius probationem duobus testibus ejusdem domus commonachis productis juratis et examinatis, eorumque dictis postmodum pupplis , quia Episcopus invenit eandem electionem contra formam juris temere attemptatam , ipsam irritavit seu irritam nunciavit , eligentes propter culpam suam potestate eligendi illa vice privando et [providendi]² dicte domui de Abbate potestatem sibi specialiter reservando . Postmodum vero examinata persona predicti electi , quia mores et merita graciosi juxta testimonium laudabilem sibi perhibetur , episcopus eidem electo invenit multipliciter suffragari , ipsum in Abbatem monasterii predicti jure ad eum devoluto auctoritate pontificali prefecit , curam et administrationem ejusdem domus tam in spiritualibus quam in temporalibus quantum ad

¹ Sic. For "abbatem."

² MS. torn; only the last two letters of this word remain.

ipsum pertinebat sibi plenius committendo , Jurataque per dictum Abbatem Episcopo et officialibus suis canonica obediencia in forma consueta , scriptum est Archidiacono Lincoln' vel ejus officiali quod id quod suum est circa ipsius installationem , etc , et quod injungeret , etc . Facta fuit predicta cassatio et prefectio VI Idus Junii¹ anno domini supradicto.

MAIDENWELL (Maydenwell). R. Roger of Belgrave (Belegrave), ch., p. by the Prioress and Convent of Stainfield to the church of Maidenwell vacant by the death of Thomas. Inst., Liddington, June 22, 1289.

WELLINGORE CHANTRY (Cantaria de Wellinghovere). Hugh of Newton, ch., rep. by William vicar of Wellingore, Robert of Metheringham, John son of William of Wellingore, William Pollard, Thomas Smith and Hugh Chancellor, to the chantry of the church of Wellingore. This chantry had been founded by Master William of Newton, late vicar of Wellingore, with the provision that Hugh of Newton should serve it, but Hugh had resigned *certa de causa*. He was re-instituted at Nettleham, July 18, 1289, and had letters patent.

Vacante cantaria in ecclesia de Wellinghovere pro defunctis perpetua facienda per Magistrum Willelmum de Neuton' quondam vicarium de Wellinghovere dudum ordinata et auctoritate pontificali confirmata , per resignationem Hugonis de Neuton' capellani cui dicta cantaria prius extitit assignata , certa de causa litteratorie factam et canonice admissam , idem Hugo de Neuton' per Willelmum vicarium ecclesie de Wellinghovere , Robertum de Metheringham , Johannem filium Willelmi de Wellinghovere , Willelmum Pollard' , Thomam Fabrum et Hugonem cancellarium de eadem , ad dictam cantariam presentatus , ad eandem admissus est XV kalendas Augusti anno X apud Nettleham et secundum formam ordinationis in hac parte facte , in ea canonice institutus . Jurataque Episcopo canonica obediencia in forma consueta , habuit litteram de institutione patentem . Forma ordinationis est in tergo.

Inspeximus² of a charter of William son of Robert of Newton, endowing a chantry at Wellingore in which daily Mass should be said at Our Lady's altar for the souls of the founder, his predecessors, kinsmen and benefactors, and for all the faithful departed. Hugh son of ? Richard of Newton was to be the first priest of this chantry, and his successors should be presented by the vicar of Wellingore, John son of William of Wellingore, Thomas Smith,

¹ Conjectural. MS. torn.

² This entry is endorsed. No heading.

William Pollard, Hugh Chancellor, Robert son of William of Metheringham and William his brother and their heirs. In case of any dispute, the vicar of Wellingore together with the greater and wiser part of the aforesaid people or their heirs should make the presentation. (William of Newton reserved the right of presentation during his own lifetime.) The land appertaining to the chantry was not to be alienated.

This charter, in the form of a cirograph, is not dated but was sealed in the presence of the following witnesses :—Master Godfrey of Mere, Nicholas Bek of Roby, Thomas de Indes, John de Heris, Robert of Ashby, John Mowbray of Welbourn, Richard Prium, William son of Austin of Wellingore, Godwin Merchant, John Roulot of Navenby, Geoffrey of Somerton, Thomas of Wellingore and others.

The Bishop's inspeximus is dated at Nettleham, July 16, 1289.

Universis ad quos presens scriptum pervenerit , Oliverus permissione divina Lincoln' Episcopus salutem in domino sempiternam . Noverit universitas vestra quod cartam quondam Magistri Willelmi de Neuton' vicarii ecclesie de Welingovere inspeximus in hec verba : — Omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis ad quorum noticiam presens scriptum pervenerit , Willelmus filius Roberti de Neuton' juxta Prioratum de Scheldeford' salutem in domino sempiternam . Noverit universitas vestra me divine pietatis instinctu , et ad augmentationem reverentissimi cultus divini dedisse , concessisse , et hac presenti carta mea confirmasse , necnon de me et heredibus meis in perpetuum quietum clamasse deo et altari beate Marie site in ecclesia de Welingovere et Hugoni filio Ricardi¹ de Neuton' clerico ad promovendum ipsum ad sacros ordines et potissime ad ordinem sacerdotalem , necnon ad perpetuum sustentationem cujusdem presbiteri post ipsius Hugonis decessum , pro salute anime mee , predecessorum meorum , ac parentum et benefactorum meorum , et omnium fidelium defunctorum , ad predictum altare beate Marie divina singulis diebus in anno celebratura , unum toftum et unam bovatom terre cum prato ad eandem terram pertinente in Welingovere que Willelmus le Loverde aliquando tenuit , Et unam bovatom terre et dimidiam et quartam partem unius bovate que Rogerus Thurberne tenuit . Et dimidiam bovatom terre cum pertinentiis et duas acras terre quas Robertus Scarbode aliquando tenuit cum omnibus pertinentiis secundum quod carte domini Hugonis Duket per quas inde me feoffavit testantur , et omnia alia tenementa que habui in eadem villa in feodo vel ad firmam cum omnibus pertinentiis ut in terris , pratis redditibus , et aliis quibuscumque possessionibus , Ita quod predictus Hugo post susceptum ordinem sacerdotalem per hunc titulum fideliter

¹ Conjectural. The MS. is very much worn.

sicut dictum est singulis diebus ad predictum altare divina celebraturus . Volo insuper , ordino , et concedo , quod vicarius de Welingovere si quis fuerit , et Johannes filius Willelmi de Welingovere , Thomas Faber de eadem , Willelmus Pollard' , Hugo Cancellarius , Robertus filius Willelmi de Metheringham et Willelmus frater ejus et heredes eorum post decessum meum jus eligendi habeant et presentandi loci diocesano ydoneum presbiterum et non alium in inferioribus constitutum ad predicta tenementa cum pertinentiis , et ad cantariam altaris supradicti , quotiens et quando ipsam per mortem vel alio modo¹ vacare contigerit . Ita quod si infra quadraginta dies a tempore vacaverit² ydoneum presbiterum ut predictum est conjunctim vel divisim presentare distulerint vel neglexerint , aliqua contentionis causa , vicarius de Welingovere si quis fuerit , et major pars et sanior dictorum sex hominum vel heredum suorum ydoneum presbiterum eligant , et ipsum ad prefatum tenementum cum pertinentiis et ad cantariam predictam assignent , et domino Lincoln' presentent , qui presbiter [per]³ predictum vicarium si quis fuerit et per prefatos sex homines vel heredes suos ita presentatus statim a tempore sue admissionis continuam ibi faciat residenciam personalem divina ut predictum est celebrandi cotidie salvo mihi jure quam diu vixero . alium quam dictum Hugonem si in fata decedat , quod absit , nominandi ac eligendi et ad dictum tenementum cum pertinentiis et ad ipsam Cantariam domino Lincoln' presentandi . Volo et ordino et concedo quod quicumque presbiter ad dictum tenementum cum pertinentiis et ad prefatam cantariam per predictum vicarium si quis fuerit et dictos sex homines vel heredes suos electus presentatus et admissus , si in honeste fuerit conversationis et conditionis et super hujusmodi judicialiter et evidenti probatione convincatur , per predictum vicarium si quis fuerit et predictos sex homines vel heredes suos , a predicto tenemento cum pertinentiis , et a cantaria prefata penitus amoveatur , et alius presbiter loco ipsius per predictos ad eadem assignetur . Nolo autem quod predicti presbiteri per me seu quoscumque alios ad dicta tenementa cum pertinentiis et ad ipsam cantariam electi et successive admissi , predictum toftum vel predictum tenementum , redditum , sive aliquam eorum partem possint cuiquam vendere , dare , legare vel aliquo modo alienare , vel iudeismo obligare , sed ea omnia suis omnibus proventibus et pertinentiis habeant et teneant in manu sua et de eisdem pro libito ad opus suum , vel suorum servientum ordinent et expendant seu saltem ad firmam dimittant , prout magis sibi viderint expedire , exceptis domibus religiosis et dominis feodorum , quibus nullatenus dimittatur . Facienda inde per annum dominis dictorum tenementorum servicia inde eis debita et consueta secundum quod carte quas inde habui testantur , et quas tradidi

¹ The word ' ipsam ' is repeated here.

² Sic.

³ This word is not in the text but appears to be necessary.

custodiendis una cum hoc scripto in modo cirographi confecto ,
 cujus altera pars penes dictum Hugonem et successores suos
 remanebit , predictis sex hominibus per ipsos et heredes suos
 salvandis , et ad hujusmodi ordinis promotionem et sustentationem .
 In cujus rei testimonium , huic scripto sigillum meum una cum
 sigillis dictorum sex hominum apposui . Testibus magistro Godefrido
 de Mere , Nicholao Bek de Roby , Thoma de Indes , Johanne de
 Meris , Roberto de Askeby , Johanne Moubray de Welleburn' ,
 Ricardo Prium , Willelmo filio Augustini de Welingover' , Godewino
 Mercatore de eadem , Johanne Roulot de Navenby , Galfrido de
 Somerton in eadem , Thoma de Welingover' et aliis . — Nos igitur
 quod per ipsum vicarium quoad cantariam pretactam et ejus
 sustentationem actum est in hac parte seu provisum approbantes
 et suplementes , quantum ad nos pertinet illi ob augmentum cultus
 divini auctoritate pontificali confirmamus . In cujus rei testimonium
 sigillum nostrum presentibus est appensum . Datum apud Netelham
 die Sabbati proximo ante festum Sancte Margarete virginis , anno
 domini M.CC. octogesimo nono et pontificatus nostri decimo.

GREENFIELD PRIORY (Grenefeld). Note that Christina of
 Owmby appeared before the Bishop for confirmation of her election
 as prioress of Greenfield in succession to Sara of Willoughby who
 had resigned. The patron had been informed and had given his
 consent to the election after it had taken place, according to
 custom. The Bishop upon examination found that the procedure
 had not been entirely correct, but he excused the nuns on account
 of their simplicity and confirmed Christina's election as prioress.
 Louth, July 30, 1289.

Vacante prioratu de Grenefeld' per cessionem sororis Sarre de
 Wyluby ultime priorisse ejusdem in manibus Episcopi et
 nichilominus per litteram suam patentem pure , sponte et absolute
 factam , sororeque Christiana de Ouneby moniali dicti Prioratus
 in ejusdem domus priorissam per formam scrutinii ut dicebatur
 electa , nulla prius a patrono domus eligendi licencia petita , set
 post electionem ipsius assensu electe prestando prout moris est
 in domo requisito et obtento , demum processu hujusmodi electionis
 pro ipsius confirmatione habenda , III kalendas Augusti anno
 domini M.CC. octogesimo nono apud Ludam Episcopo presentato , et
 ad ipsius probationem tribus testibus dicte domus commonialibus
 productis , juratis et examinatis , earumque dictis postmodum
 pupplicatis , licet quedam de de subtilitate juris requiruntur in
 hoc casu fuissent omissa , Episcopus tamen pensata simplicitate
 eligentium , eandem electionem quam invenit concorditer cele-
 bratam , auctoritate pontificali confirmavit , curam et administra-
 tionem dicte domus tam in spiritualibus quam in temporalibus
 quatenus ad ipsam pertinebat et statu congruebat muliebri eidem

Christiane plenius committendo . Jurataque Episcopo et officialibus suis canonica obediencia in forma consueta , scriptum fuit Archidiacono Lincoln' vel ejus officiali , ut quod suum esset circa ipsius installationem , etc , et quod injungeret , etc.

BENNIWORTH (Benigwrth'). R. Master Robert of Necton (Neketon'), subd., p. by Sir John of Bath (Bathonia), knight, to the church of Benniworth vacant by the death of Edmund of Bath. Robert held the church *in commendam* for a time before being inst. at Haverhill, September 15, 1289. Had letters patent.

SCARTHOU (Scarthou). R. William of Warminster (Were-ministr'), subd., p. by the King to the church of Scarthou vacant by the death of Master Hugh of Braceborough (Brassingburg'). William was given custody of the church and later inst. at Stoke by Nayland September 14, 1289. Had letters patent.

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STAMFORD, S. PAUL (Sancti Pauli Staumford). R. Richard le Blund, ch., p. by Master John le Fleming (Flemeng) and Thomas of Ewerby (Iwardeby), proctors of the P. and C. of S. Fromund's, to the church of S. Paul at Stamford vacant by the death of Bartholomew. Inst. at Oundle, September 19, 1289. Had letters patent.

CALCETHORPE (Kaylesthorp'). R. Richard of Stamford, clerk in minor orders, p. by the King to the church of Calcethorpe vacant by the death of John. Ordained subd. and given the church *in commendam* at Lincoln, September 24, 1289, and inst. at Nettleham on the following day. Had letters patent.

RAITHBY-BY-SPILSBY (Ratheby). R. John of Crowland (Crowland'), clerk in minor orders, p. by Geoffrey de Cheyle, William of Morton and Robert of S. Alban's (Sancte Albano), proctors of the abbot and community of Crowland, to the church of Raithby-by-Spilsby vacant by the death of Richard. Given the sequestrations *in commendam* June 4, 1289. Ordained subd. and inst. at Lincoln, September 24, 1289. Had letters patent.

DENTON. R. Master John Brun, clerk in minor orders, p. by Master William de Berg', canon of Salisbury and prebendary of Grantham Borealis, to the church of Denton vacant by the death of Thomas de Bosco. Ordained subd. and received the church *in commendam*, September 24, 1289. Inst., Stow Park, October 3, 1289.

ASGARBY (Asgerby). V. Geoffrey of Stonal (Stonhal'), ch., p. by Sir Richard of Rothwell (Rowell), prebendary of Asgarby, to the vicarage of Asgarby vacant by the death of Master John of Kelham (Kelum). Inst., Hagworthingham, October 21, 1289.

MARTIN-BY-HORNCASTLE. V. Hugh of Rippingale (Repingale), ch., p. by the Prioress and Convent of Stainfield to the vicarage of Martin-by-Horncastle vacant by the death of Richard. Inst., Nettleham, November 23, 1289.

TATHWELL¹ (Tawell). V. Note concerning the appropriation of the church of Tathwell and the ordination of a vicarage. Bishop Gravesend had granted to the D. and C. of Lincoln power to appropriate the church of Tathwell when Master Rolandinus the rector should die or resign. On his death, Bishop Sutton gave letters (given in full, and dated at Edlesborough, June 13, 1289) confirming the right of the D. and C. to appropriate the church provided that they should set up a vicarage. An inquisition held by the Archdeacon of Lincoln determined the amount of the revenues of the church (these revenues are given in detail). Bishop Sutton then gave a letter containing an inspeximus of Bishop Gravesend's grant, ordaining a vicarage at Tathwell, and settling the amount of the vicar's stipend (this letter is given in full and dated at Bassingham, November 30, 1289). Thomas of Skendleby, ch., was inst. to the new vicarage at Uffington, December 19, 1289.

Memorandum quod cum bone memorie dominus Ricardus quondam Lincoln' Episcopus ecclesiam de Tawell' de suo patronatu existentem² Decano et capitulo Lincoln' auctoritate pontificali contulisset et assignasset, ita quod cedente vel decedente tunc ipsius ecclesie rectore, de consciencia tamen sua vel successoris sui qui pro tempore foret ingredi libere et fructus ejus secundum dispositionem ab eodem Episcopo seu si hoc forsan omitteret a successore suo limitandam in usus proprios convertere valerent, salva Episcopo canonica obediencia in eodem, et bene sufficienti vicaria per ipsum aut successorem suum taxanda, et quotiens vacaret imposterum conferenda, demum vacante ecclesia memorata per mortem Ma[gistri]³ Rolandini ultimi rectoris ejudem, Episcopus concessionem et assignationem predictas sibi ex parte dicti capituli ostensas ratas habens. Archidiacono Lincoln' litteris suis [dedit]³ in mandatis ut in sequenti littera continetur: — O. permissione divina Lincoln' Episcopus dilecto in Christo filio Archidiacono Lincoln' salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Appropriationem parochialis

¹ The MS. is somewhat torn at the point where this entry occurs.

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³ The MS. is torn at this point and the letters inside the brackets are conjectural.

ecclesie de Tawell' [vacan]tis¹ ad presens , quam bone memorie dominus Ricardus proximus predecessor noster decano et capitulo nostre ecclesie Lincoln' dudum fecit , ita quod fructus ejusdem ecclesie de Tawell' post cessionem vel decessum tunc Rectoris ejusdem secundum dispositionem dicti predecessoris nostri vel successoris sui si illam forte non duceret effectui mancipandam , perpetuis usibus dictorum decani et capituli cederent in futurum , ordinatione bene sufficientis vicarie per eundem predecessorem et successores suos temporibus successivis imposterum confe² specialiter salva secundum formam et tenorem littere decano et capitulo super hoc concesse quam inspeximus , favorabiliter approbantes , vobis mandamus quatinus eosdem decanum et capitulum in corporalem possessionem ecclesie de Tawell' memorate , tanquam ex diu retro appropriate eisdem ut premittitur , dispositione et administratione pretactis et omnibus contingentibus easdem , ad quas nondum est processum , per nos faciendis cum viderimus oportunum , et jure episcopali in omnibus salvis per vos vel alium inducere non tardetis . Valete . Datum apud Edelesberg' , nonis Junii , pontificatus nostri anno decimo : — Deinde³ quia dictus dominus Ricardus ordinationem fructuum dicte ecclesie et ipsius vicarie non expediverat dum vivebat , facta prius inquisitione per Archidiaconum Lincoln' super vero valore omnium et singulorum proventuum dicte ecclesie et in quibus portionibus una cum manso competenti vicaria in eadem ecclesia consistere posset , per quam acceptum extitit inter cetera quod decima garbarum ecclesie prescripte valet communiter singulis annis XXX marcas , et quod ad eandem ecclesiam spectant unus mansus principalis rectorie edificatus , Quadraginta acre terre arabilis , que quidem acre valent annuatim XL solidos , una acra que est juxta ecclesiam ex parte boriali⁴ , que in nullo est edificata , et valet per annum quatuor solidos , Duo cotagia que valent annuatim quinque solidos X denarios , septem acre silve cedue¹ que valent annuatim VI solidos VIII denarios , Item decima feni in croftis valet per annum VI solidos et alibi extra crofta IIII solidos , decima lane valet communiter annuatim IIII marcas , decima agnorum XV solidos , decima molendinorum III solidos VI denarios , quatuor oblationes principales per annum valent XXIIII solidos . Ciragium¹ cum oblatione cere die Purificationis beate Marie XII solidos , decima lactis , casei et butiri VI solidos VIII denarios , manuportatio panis et ovorum II solidos VIII denarios . Decima pullorum , vitulorum , purcellorum¹ , aucarum , gallinarum et columbarum II solidos . Decima curtilagiorum , croftorum et gardinorum valet per annum V solidos . Decima lini et canobii III solidos , oblationes

¹ The MS. is torn at this point and the letters inside the bracket are conjectural.

² MS. torn.

³ In the margin there appear (in another hand) the words " Ordinatio vicarie."

⁴ Sic.

que fiunt in sponsalibus , purificationibus et pro defunctis valent per annum communiter IIII solidos . Episcopus de ejusdem fructibus, obventionibus , et vicaria predictis ordinavit prout continetur in littera subsequenti cujus est talis tenor . — Oliverus permissione divina Lincoln' Episcopus dilecto in Christo filio ¹Decano et Capitulo ecclesie Lincoln' salutem , gratiam et benedictionem . Litteram bone memorie domini Ricardi proximi predecessoris nostri inspeximus sub hec forma : — Ricardus miseratione divina Lincoln' Episcopus , dilectis in Christo filiis ¹Decano et capitulo ecclesie Lincoln' salutem , gratiam et benedictionem . Cum redditus commune vestre et distributiones communes tenues sint et exiles , ac oneribus que portatis minime correspondentes , non indignum arbitramur vobis in hac parte utcumque prospicere quo possitis onera que vobis incumbunt facilius sustinere . Eapropter devotionis vestre meritis inclinati , ecclesiam de Tawell' que de nostro est patronatu , vobis auctoritate pontificali conferimus et assignamus . Ita ut cedente vel decedente ipsius ecclesie Rectore possessionem ejusdem hac nostra donatione suffulti , de consciencia tamen nostra vel qui pro tempore fuerit ingredi libere et fructus ejus in perpetuos usus vestros secundum dispositionem a nobis aut si hoc forsitan omiserimus a successore nostro tradendam , quam si non observari contigerit , etiam hanc collaborationem et assignationem nostram cassam et irritam esse volumus convertere valeamus . Salva nobis in ea canonica obediencia et bene sufficienti vicaria per nos aut successores nostros ibidem taxanda et quotiens opus fuerit conferenda . Salvis etiam episcopalibus consuetudinibus et Lincoln' ecclesie dignitate . In cujus rei testimonium , presenti scripto sigillum nostrum fecimus apponi . Datum apud Lafford' , IIII Idus Maii anno gracie M.CC. LX ² quarto et pontificatus nostri sexto . — Vacanti igitur per mortem Magistri Rolandini ecclesia memorata , dictam de prefatis fructibus dispositionem quam idem predecessor noster eo quod de (*vis*) ea se non expedivit dum vixit , nobis totaliter dereliquit mancipare volentes effectui , ordinamus , ut ad vestre cotidiane distributionis augmentum quam idem predecessor nimis ut dicitur reputavit exilem , fructus predicti et proventus videlicet omnes garbe decimales extra crofta , et fenum similiter extra crofta , cum terra arabili , nemore , et manso edificato spectantibus seu pertinentibus ad predictam ecclesiam vobis cedant . In omnibus autem aliis portionibus et obventionibus que secundum inquisitionem inde factam computato etiam valore acre juxta ecclesiam in parte boriali , et duorum cotagiorum ad VII libras et VII solidos estimantur , volumus et ordinamus predictae ecclesie consis[tere]² vicariam a nobis et successoribus nostris juxta voluntatem sepedicti predecessoris nostri quotiens vacaverit conferendam , una cum quatuor marcis quas vicarius qui pro tempore fuerit in festis beati

¹ Blank in MS.² MS. torn.

Michaelis et Pasche pro equali portione de Communa vestra ad augmentum portionis sue recipiet annuatim . Ad vos siquidem onus construendi et reparandi cancellum , faciendi seu inveniendi nova vestimenta , superpellicia et libros quancumque necesse fuerit Archidiaconi procurandi , decernimus in solidis pertinere , et extraordinaria¹ pro rata portionis vestre . Vicario insuper statim instituendo ad edificandum sibi domos in acra suprascripta vos numerare volumus X libras , qui quidem vicarius et successores sui dicta vestimenta et libros reparabunt cum indigerint et servabunt , ac omnia onera superius non expressa in solidis et extraordinaria pro rata sue portionis facient et agnoscent . Salva nobis et successoribus nostris potestate istam ordinationem mutandi , minuendi ac augendi , ac si quid dubium fuerit interpretandi quotiens videbitur oportunit . In cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostrum presentibus est appensum . Datum apud Basingham' II kalendas Decembris anno domini M.CC. octogesimo nono et pontificatus nostri decimo . Postmodum XIII kalendas Januarii anno X apud Offington' contulit Episcopus vicariam predictam Thome de Skendelby capellano intuitu caritatis , mandans statim Archidiacono Lincoln' quod eundem Thomam in possessionem dicte vicarie induceret corporalem .

ASHBY PUERORUM (Askeby). Note that, after the church of Ashby Puerorum (of which the chapter of Lincoln were patrons) had remained vacant for six months after it was commended to the precentor of Lincoln, the Bishop appropriated it to the use of the choir-boys, and arranged that a vicar should henceforward be presented by the chapter and receive a stipend. The Bishop's letter is given in full and dated at Bassingham November 30, 1289.

Vacante ecclesia de parva Askeby que est de patronatu² capituli Lincoln' per lapsum sex mensium a tempore commendationis facte de eadem Precentori ecclesie Lincoln' , secundum formam ultimi concilii Lugdunensis , Episcopus de eadem ecclesia ordinavit prout continetur in littera subsequenti : — Oliverus permissione divina Lincoln' Episcopus dilectis in Christo filiis² Decano et c[apitulo]¹ ecclesie nostre Lincoln' salutem , gratiam et benedictionem . Cum decime egentibus sint tributa et bona ecclesiastica pauperum quorumcumque alimonie deputata prout testantur canonice tiones¹ , justum est ut illis precipue constituatur , de crucifixi patrimonio alimentum , qui cum nequeant de parentum et propinquorum opibus sustentari , in fortem¹ ad serviendum altari et operandum in ejus sanctuario sint electi . Pia igitur consideratione volentes pueris de Choro ecclesie nostre Lincoln' quos non solum egenos ve¹

¹ MS. torn.

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ab ungue tenero disciplinis liberalibus mancipatos , et quasi organa electa divinis laudibus applicatos in dicta ecclesia nostra tanquam novellas obviarum fru¹ sitantium plantationes ad honorem dei et ecclesie nostre decorem et bone memorie Ricardo predecessori nostro novimus esse plantatos , et successive fore plantandos , in alimen[tis]¹ necessarius uberius provideri , ut dicta ecclesia nostra nec in minimis membris suis patiatur defectum , ecclesiam de parva Askeby nunc vacantem que de vestro patronatu extitit cum omnibus suis juribus et pertinentiis vobis ad sustentationem dictorum puerorum in usus proprios caritatis intuitu concedimus et donamus imperpetuum per presentes . Salvis in [omnibus]¹ episcopalibus consuetudinibus et Lincoln' ecclesie dignitate , necnon competenti vicaria quam consistere volumus et decernimus in positionibus infrascriptis , videlicet in decima l[ane]¹ , agnorum , lactis , ortorum² qui fossatis vel muris circumclauduntur , aucarum , pullorum , et aliorum minorum necnon et in omnimodis oblationibus et mortuariis que ad quinquaginta solidos et sex denarios estimantur , una cum quatuor marcis quas vicarius qui pro tempore fuerit a vobis vel ab eo qui dictorum puerorum regimini deputatus fuerit in [festis]¹ beati Martini in yeme et pentecostis pro equali portione recipiet annuatim . Solvetque idem vicarius sinodalia , et Letare³ , ac vinum inveniet et oblatas , alia [autem]¹ onera universa tam ordinaria quam extraordinaria ad vos volumus pertinere . Ordinamus insuper quod precentor ecclesie nostre antedictae vel alius prefato regimini assigna[tus]¹ quotienscumque prescripta vacaverit vicaria personam ydoneam vobis nominet ad eandem , que nobis per vos canonice presentata de manibus nostris seu successorum nostrorum canonicam recipiat institutionem in ea . Salva nobis et successoribus nostris potestate istam ordinationem mutandi , minuendi ac augendi , ac si quid dubium fuerit interpretandi quotiens videbitur oportunitatem . In cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostrum presentibus est appensum . Datum apud Basingham , II kalendas Decembris anno [domini]¹ M.CC. octogesimo nono et pontificatus nostri decimo.

HATCLIFFE (Haddeclive). R. John of Beverley (Beverlaco), ch., p. by Willaim de Houteville (Houteville), canon and proctor of Beauport Abbey, to the church of Hatcliffe vacant because Gilbert of Stapleton (Stapelton) had not been ordained priest within a year of his institution. Inst., Uffington, December 18, 1289.

WHAPLODE (Quappelad'). V. Master Thomas of Cotum (Cotun), clerk in minor orders, p. by Geoffrey de Cheyle, Walter of Morton

¹ MS. torn.

² Sic. For "hortorum" ?

³ i.e. the quadragesimals. See J. R. H. Moorman, *Church Life in England in the Thirteenth Century*, p. 120.

and Robert of S. Alban's (Sancto Albano), proctors of the A. and C. of Crowland, to the church of Whaplode vacant by the death of Simon. Inst. (after having previously been ordained subd. and d.), S. Leonard's, Stamford, December 17, 1289.

HAUGHAM¹ PRIORY (Hacham). Note that William Lovel appeared before the Bishop at Hagworthingham on the Saturday after the feast of S. Luke, 1289, to make answer concerning the fact that he had behaved as prior of Haugham without being properly instituted. William replied that he had been sent by the abbot of S. Severin to Alice de Lacy, who was acting as proctor for her son the Earl of Lincoln in the matter of ecclesiastical presentations, as prior-elect of Haugham, and that he did not know that it was necessary for him to come before the Bishop. The Bishop therefore ordered the account of a former prior's institution (given in full) to be looked up, and proved that William was in the wrong. The priory's *spiritualia* were therefore sequestered and William was sent to obtain letters of recommendation from the Earl. He appeared again before the Bishop at Buckden on February 17, 1290, bearing letters in which the Earl asked that the sequestration might be relaxed until the Parliament after Easter. Bishop Sutton therefore issued letters (given in full) granting custody of the priory to William Lovel until one month after Easter.

Nothing more was done, since the Earl was abroad, until December 23, 1290, when the Bishop wrote to the official in the Archdeaconry of Lincoln (letter given in full) complaining that William Lovel was acting as custodian of Haugham and Theobald as custodian of Minting, although neither of them had authority to do so. The official was therefore ordered to sequester the priories and to command the self-proclaimed custodians to appear before the Bishop at Fingest for judgement. Ranulph Lovel appeared as proctor for his brother William and pleaded that William had not had anything to do with the *spiritualia* of Haugham since Thomas Hugolini, the last prior, had sold them for two years to a certain merchant of Flanders called Simon Bek and had gone off with the money. The Bishop, however, forbade William on pain of excommunication to act any longer as custodian, ordered the sequestration to remain in force, and told William to appear before him with a proper letter of presentation.

Finally, on April 24, 1291, William appeared before the Bishop at Lincoln bearing letters from the Earl (given in full). These letters stated that the abbot of S. Severin had designated William as prior of Haugham, and presented him, in the name of the Earl

¹ This entry is endorsed.

as patron, to the Bishop for institution. William was therefore duly inst. Lincoln, April 24, 1291.

Memorandum quod die Sabbati proximo post festum Sancti Luce Ewangeliste anno domini M.CC. octogesimo nono apud Haggewrthingham constitutus in presencia [Episcopi]¹ frater Willelmus Luvel qui se gessit pro priore de Hacham ab ipso quesivit episcopus qualiter presumpserat administrare in loco predicto de Hacham tanquam prior, cum non esset admissus et institutus per episcopum more solito, ac ille respondit quod Abbas de Sancto Severo presentavit ipsum domine Alesie matri domini Henrici Comitis Lincoln', habenti potestatem presentandi ad vacancia beneficia spectantia ad patronatum dicti Comitis, et [con-
sentiendi]² viris religiosis, preficiendi etiam domibus religiosis de advocacione comitis ejusdem, ipso [existente]² in partibus transmarinis, et ipsa concesserat ob litteram pro administratione eorum que spectabant ad temporalitatem loci predicti de Hacham de patronatu dicti comitis ad² quod non credebat se debere presentari episcopo vel ab eo quicquam recipere seu eo facere pro dicto loco. Deinde fecit Episcopus requiri registrum super admissione ultimi prioris in eodem loco in quo scriptum inveniebatur prout sequitur: — Frater Willelmus de Bello Loco monachus de Sancto Severo presentatus per³ Abbatem et conventum de [Sancto]¹ Severo domino Henrico comiti Lincoln' patrono domus de Hacham ad perpetuum prioratum in eadem, et nobis per eundem H. in forma consimili, ad dictum prioratum admissus V nonas Octobris anno XVIII apud Parcum Stowye, premissa prius inquisitione per³ Archidiaconum Lincoln', per quam acceptum est, etc, et perpetuus [prior]¹ canonice institutus in eodem. Jurataque episcopo obediencia canonica in forma consueta, scriptum fuit dicto³ Archidiacono quod ipsum, etc, — propter quod episcopus reputans¹ ipsum prioris regimine vacare, sequestravit ea que ad administrationem spiritualium spectabant in prioratu predicto, eidem fratri Willelmo injungens quod litteram a¹ Comite ad Episcopum dirigi procuraret, si sibi viderit expedire. Postmodum XIII kalendas Martii anno domini M.CC. LXXX IX apud Bukkeden venit [dictus]¹ frater Willelmus deferens litteram domini Comitis Lincoln' supplicatoriam ut episcopus sequestrum hujusmodi usque ad Parliamentum post festum Pasche proxime sequens relaxaret, ad cujus comitis instanciam actum fuit cum eodem fratre Willelmo prout sequitur in littera subsequente: — O. etc, dilecto in Christo filio³ Archidiacono Lincoln' etc. N¹ de Haghham prioris regimine vacans ad presens dampnum in spiritualibus et in hiis quorum sollicitudo ad nos tanquam loci diocesani spectat ibidem ulterius pa¹

¹ MS. torn.² MS. very much worn.³ Blank in MS.

fratri Willelmo Lovel monacho Sancti Severi custodiam sequestri dicti prioratus usque in mensem proximum post Pascham proximam futuram duximus committendum . Quocirca vobis mandamus quatinus eundem fratrem Willelmum custodiam prefatam interim faciatis habere . Valet . Datum apud Bukkeden' XIII kalendas Martii , pontificatus nostri [anno]¹ decimo . — A quo quidem mense propter absenciam dicti Comitis in partibus transmarinis agentis ut dicebatur , non procedebatur in hoc negotio usque ad celebrationem ord[inum]¹ ante festum Natalis domini proxime sequens , quando exivit quedam littera sub hac forma : — O. etc , dilecto in Christo filio² Officiali nostro in Archidiaconatu Lincoln' ipso vacante , salutem . Cum nos fratri Willelmo Lovel monacho apud Haghham custodiam prioratus ejusdem , et fratri Theobaldo monacho apud Mintinges ipsius similiter prioratus³ custodiam sub certis formis ad eorundem monachorum instanciam quam devotam ad utilitatem hujusmodi prioratum usque ad diversa tempora jam effluxa nuper commiserimus , de gracia speciali , iidemque monachi finitis custodiis sibi per nos taliter commissis administrationi rerum ad prefatos prioratus tam spiritualium quam temporalium spectantium³ consciencia nostra , immo in nostri contemptum et juris nostri prejudicium propria temeritate , non sine usurpationis nota se presumpserint hactenus im[miscuerunt]³ , nos hujusmodi presumptionis excessum sub dissimulatione transire nolentes , vobis mandamus quatinus dictos monachos peremptorie citetis absque mora quod tertio die juridico post festum Sancti Hillarii compareant coram nobis apud Tynge-hirst' super premissis et ea contingentibus , et de proventibus dictorum prioratum , nobis sicut justum fuerit responsuri ulterius facturi et recepturi quod justicia suadebit . Fructus et proventus prioratum predictorum vacantium , donec a nobis aliud receperitis in mandatis , artius seque[strabitur]³ Et quid super hoc duxeritis faciendum , nos litteris vestris patentibus harum seriem continentibus certificetis tempore oportuno . Datum apud Wycumb' X kalendas Januarii anno domini M.CC. [nonagesimo]³ et pontificatus nostri undecimo . — Quo die tertio juridico post festum Sancti Hillarii anno domini M.CC. nonagesimo cum diebus Jovis et Veneris proxime sequentibus continuato seu gato³ , Ranulphus Lovel clericus pro dicto fratre Willelmo Lovel comparuit nomine procuratoris apud Tyngehirst' , asserens constanter prefatum fratrem Willelmum de bonis sp[iritualibus]³ dicti prioratus nunquam aliquid percepisse , eo quod frater Thomas Hugolini ultimus prior prioratus predicti ante recessum suum ab eodem vendiderat fructus ecclesie de Haghham [per]³ biennium cuidam mercatori de Flandria , Simoni Bek nomine , et asportaverat precium receptum pre manibus pro eisdem . Fatebatur tamen eundem fratrem W. de redd[itibus]³ et terris ad dictum prioratum pertinentibus se intromisisse

¹ MS. torn.

² Blank in MS.

³ MS. very much worn.

etiam post commissum sibi per Episcopum custodiam dicti prioratus finitam . Quibus auditis , decretum fuit sequest¹ in suo robore remanere , dictoque fratri Willelmo in persona dicti procuratoris sui inhibitu[m] extitit sub pena excommunicationis ne absque auctoritate episcopi de pertinentibus ad prioratu[m] [predictu[m]]² quoad spiritualitatem se intromitteret modo quovis . Prefixus etiam fuit sibi proximus dies juridicus post dominicam qua cantatur " Quasimodo geniti " proxime futuram , coram dicto domino Episcopo , ubicumque , etc , ad tunc vel interim exhibendu[m] litteram presentatoriam Abbatis sui de eodem , sicut procurator predictus promisit [dominu[m]]² suu[m] , necnon ad audiendu[m] , faciendu[m] et recipiendu[m] in premissis quod justicia suadebit . Interim vero VIII kalendas Maii Anno domini M.CC. nonagesimo primo v[enit ad]² Lincoln' personaliter frater Willelmus Lovel predictus exhibens episcopo quamdam litteram patentem domini Comitis Lincoln' sub hac forma : — Venerabili in Christo domino dei gracia L[incoln']² episcopo , suus humilis filius H. de Lacy Comes Lincoln' salutem cum honore et reverencia debita [tanto]² patri . Quia frater Radulphus Abbas monasterii de Sancto Severo [ordinis]² Sancti Benedicti de consensu Conventus sui fratrem Willelmum dictu[m] Lovill in Prioratu de Hacham vestre diocesis Priorem ordinavit , eundem fratrem Willelmum ad administrationem temporalium ejusdem Prioratus recepimus , vestre paternitati supplicantes quatinus eundem ad administrationem spiritualium ad presentationem nostram recipere dignetis et velitis . In cujus rei testimoniu[m] has litteras fieri fecimus patentes . Datum apud Knosale XI kalendas Martii . — Supra qua quidem littera habita deliberatione , nabile² videretur in hoc quod dicit Abbatem de Sancto Severo ipsum fratrem W. priorem asse² et dictu[m] dominu[m] comitem ipsum ad administrationem temporalium recepisse necnon in hoc quod fiebat presentatio ad spiritualitatem , cum spiritualitas et temporalitas nullatenus² in hoc casu Episcopus tamen certa consideratione pre² Luvel ad dictu[m] prioratu[m] de Hagham ea vice de gracia admisit , ipsumque priorem canonice instituit in eodem . Jurataque episcopo et³ Officialibus suis per dictu[m] pri[orem]² canonica obediencia in forma consueta , Scriptu[m] fuit Officiali Archidiaconi Lincoln' quod ipsum corporalem possessionem dicti prioratus faceret habere , commonachis ibidem com[morantibus] et ministris injungendo quod dicto fratri Willelmo tanquam priori suo intenderent et plenius obedirent.

MINTING PRIORY (Minting or Mintinges). Note that Theobald de Thoriaco appeared before the Bishop at Sempringham, on

¹ MS. torn.² MS. very much worn.³ Blank in MS.

December 4, 1289, bearing letters (given in full) from the abbot of Fleury, presenting the said Theobald to the priory of Minting in succession to Iterus de Turre, who had resigned. Examination of the register showed that Iterus had been presented by the Earl of Lincoln, so Theobald was sent to get a letter of presentation from him. On January 3, 1290, Theobald's proctor appeared before the Bishop at Ware, bearing letters of presentation (given in full) from the Earl, but, upon examination, these letters were found to be irregular in form. Reference was then made to Bishop Grosseteste's register, which showed that the predecessor of Iterus had been presented by the abbot of Fleury and that the presentation was accepted. However, it also appeared that the letter which Theobald had brought from the abbot was incorrect in form, so he was sent back, armed with the proper formula, to get it corrected. In the meanwhile, custody of the house was committed to him until the feast of the Nativity of S. John Baptist following.

Venit apud Sempringham' II nonas Decembris anno domini M.CC. octogesimo nono, frater Theobaldus de Thoriaco monachus monasterii Sancti Benedicti Floriac' exhibens Episcopo quandam litteram sub hac forma : — Reverendo in Christo patri domino divina providencia Episcopo Lincoln' frater Guillelmus eadem miseratione monasterii Sancti Benedicti F[lori]acens'¹ Abbas humilis salutem et reverenciam cum honore. Cum dilectus in Christo filius frater Iterus dictus de Turre curam et administrationem prioratus nostri de Mintinges vestre diocesis in nostri presencia dimiserit libera et spontanea voluntate, et dilectum in Christo filium fratrem Theobaldum de Thoriaco nostri monasterii monachum, quondam priorem tertium in ordine dicti loci, virum utique vite laudabilis et conversationis honeste, providum et discretum; exhibitorem presentium, ordinaverimus, fecerimus et instituerimus priorem prioratus de Mintinges predicti vice et loco ipsius fratris Iterii antedicti, dictum fratrem Theobaldum priorem nostrum dicti loci vobis duximus presentandum paternitati vestre humiliter supplicantes quatinus amore dei et intuitu pietatis, vos eidem in agendis exhibere dignemini favorabilem et propitium adiutorem et ipsum si p[ro]p[ri]etate¹ [*Membrane 22.*] recommendatum habere velitis. Datum anno domini M.CC. octogesimo nono die lune in vigilia festivitatis omnium sanctorum. — Verumque examinato registro de admissione fratris Iteri ultimi prioris ejusdem, inventum extitit quod idem frater Iterus presentatus fuerat Episcopo per dominum Comitem Lincoln' ad prioratum predictum, quodque per inquisitionem per [? Decanum]¹ Lincoln' in hac parte factam acceptum fuerat Abbatem predictum quotiens prioratus predictus vacaret monachum preficiendum ibidem Comiti Lincoln' eundemque Comitem hujusmodi

¹ MS. torn.

monachum¹ ulterius Episcopo presentare ; dictum fuit prefato fratri Theobaldo quod litteram presentatoriam dicti comitis quereret sicut fieri consuevit , aliquin nichil sibi fieret in hac parte¹ , idem frater ad tunc recedens , III Nonas Januarii anno predicto apud Ware litteram dicti comitis per quemdam clericum suum Episcopo presentavit sub tenore sequenti : — Venerande¹ viro ac patre suo in Christo domino Olivero dei gracia Lincoln' episcopo , Henricus de Lacy Comes Lincoln' et Constabularius Cestrie salutem cum omni reverencia et honore . Cum per¹ litteras fratris Willelmi Abbatis monasterii Sancti Benedicti Floriac' acceperimus quod frater Iterius dictus de Turre quondam Prior domus de Mintinges que ad nos de jure spectare dinoscitur , curam et administrationem dicte domus mera et spontanea voluntate coram predicto abbate dimiserit , ac nos ad presentationem predicti Abbatis¹ [Theo]baldum de Thoriaco monachum in priorem predictae domus admiserimus , vestram rogamus venerandam paternitatem quatenus divine pietatis intuitu id quod vestrum est in¹ [be]nigne exequi velitis cum favore . Datum London' XXVII die Decembris anno domini M.CC. octogesimo nono , Qua visa et intellecta , quia non erat in forma debita concep¹ potius quodammodo juri episcopali prejudicialis , eamque prefatus dominus comes sicut dicebatur noluit commutare , examinatum fuit registrum Roberti quondam Lincoln Episcopi¹ missionibus hujusmodi priorum et ceterorum clericorum ad beneficia ecclesiastica . Et quia reperiebatur in eodem² predecessorem³ ultimum fratris Iterii predicti in prioratu prefato presentatum fuisse d¹ Roberto episcopo predicto per abbatem monasterii memorati , et ad hujusmodi presentationem admissum , et insuper quia littera Abbatis predicti non fiebat in modum presentationis , dictum fuit fratri [Theo]baldo predicto quod quereret sibi litteram dicti Abbatis presentatoriam in forma debita conceptam . Et tradebatur sibi quedam forma littere presentatorie rite facta . Et ne interim Prioratus predictus¹ spiritualibus vel temporalibus dispendium pateretur , eodem fratri Theobaldo ad ipsius magnam instanciam dicti Prioratus de Mintinges custodia fuit commissa , III Idus Januarii [anno]¹ predicto usque ad festum Nativitatis Sancti Johannis Baptiste proximum sequens . Et super hoc scriptum fuit Archidiacono Lincoln' quod ipsum prefatam custodiam interim faceret obtinere .

MINTINGES.⁴ Entry (very much mutilated) referring to the extension of the period of custody of the priory of Minting.

¹ MS. torn.

² Blank in MS.

³ This is presumably John, a monk of Fleury, admitted in the fourth year of Bishop Grosseteste (*L.R.S.* xi, p. 27).

⁴ This entry is endorsed on membrane 21.

Postmodum III nonas Julii anno XI apud B¹ ad
 festum Assumptionis beate Marie pro¹ et super hoc scriptum
 fuit Archidiacono Lincoln quod etc . Subsequenter XVII kalendas
 Septembris anno¹ Lincoln' prorogavit Episcopus
 hujusmodi custodiam usque ad festum Nativitatis beate Marie
 proximum sequens et super hoc scriptum fuit Archidiacono Lincoln'
 quod etc¹ ultimis processum in hoc facto¹
 spiritualium quam temporalium spectantium ad prioratum pre-
 dictum¹ scriptum fuit¹ quod¹
 ad certum diem judicium post festum S¹ proximum
¹ proventibus de¹ sicut¹
 fructus et proventus¹

STICKFORD², Mediety (Stykeford'). R. Thomas of Mablethorpe
 (Malberthorp'), clerk in minor orders, rep. by the P. and C. of
 Markby to the mediety of the church of Stickford vacant because
 the said Thomas had not been ordained priest within a year of
 his institution. Inst. February 12, 1290 (place of institution
 illegible).

WYHAM (Wyhum). R. Martin of Carlton (Carleton'), clerk
 in minor orders, p. by the P. and C. of Ormsby to the church
 of Wyham vacant by the death of Richard. Ordained subd. and
 inst. at Northampton [February 25], 1290, and had letters patent.

SOUTH WITHAM, Mediety ([Su]thwyme). R. Robert of Holcot
 (Holecote), clerk in minor orders, p. by William³ de Turville
 (Turvile), Master of the Templars in England, to the mediety of the
 church of South Witham vacant by the death of John of Bardney
 (Bardenay). Church commended to him December 17, 1289.
 Ordained subd. and inst. February 25, 1290, and had letters
 patent.⁴

STAMFORD, ALL-SAINTS-BY-THE-BRIDGE (Omnium Sanctorum
 [Stau]mford). V. William of Freston (Freston'), subd., p. by
 the Prioress and Convent of S. Michael's outside Stamford to
 the vicarage of All-Saints-by-the-bridge of Stamford, vacant
 by the death of Peter. Ordained d. and inst. [at Northampton,
 February 25,] 1290.

SUTTON-LE-MARSH ([Sut]ton'). R. Collation to John de Scalleby
 by the Bishop of the church of Sutton-le-Marsh vacant by the
 death of Peter of Winchester. (John had already held the church
in commendam.) The witnesses of the ceremony were Masters

¹ Illegible, MS. very much worn.

² In the following entries the words enclosed in square brackets are conjectural.

³ Sic.

⁴ This is followed by a cancelled entry.

Durand, archdeacon of Stow, John le Fleming, Jocelyn of Kirmington and Walter of Wootton, canons of Lincoln. John had letters patent. S. Andrew's, Northampton, February 26, 1290.

Vacante ecclesia de Sutton' juxta¹ ekely q[ue]¹ patronatu domini Episcopi Lincoln', per mortem domini Petri de Wynton' ultimi rectoris ejusdem et lapsum¹ temporis ad quod eadem ecclesia Johanni de Scal[leby]¹ factam ultimi concilii Lugdun' extitit commendata , Episcopus IIII kalendas Martii anno domini M.CC. octo[gesimo nono] in domo Sancti Andree Norhampt' contulit ean[dem]¹ Johanni de Scalleby caritatis intuitu pleno jure ipsum rectorem instituens in eadem . Pre [sentibus ma]gistris Durando archidiacono Stowe¹ domini episcopi predicti , Johanne le Flameng' , Gocelino de Kirmington' et Waltero de Wutton' , canonicis [Lincoln] . Jurataque per dictum Johannem canonica obediencia¹ Archidiacono Lincoln' quod etc , et habet idem Johannes litteram de institutione patentem.

KIRKBY-CUM-OSGODBY (Kirkeby). V. Peter of Liddington (Lyddington'), ch., p. by [the P. and C.] of Elsham to the vicarage of Kirkby-cum-Osgodby vacant by the death of Osbert. Inst. March 4, 1290.

BRINKHILL (Brinkel). R. Richard of Walton (Walton'), ch., p. by¹ knight, to the church of Brinkhill vacant by the death of Master ? Robert. Inst. at Brackley (Brakkele), March 6, 1290.

SKINNAND ([Skynand]). R. Robert of Burton, ch., p. by [Geoffrey] de Cheyle, William of Morton and Robert of S. Alban's (Sancto Albano), proctors of the A. and C. of Crowland, to the church of Skinnand vacant because Thomas had received another living (the name of which is illegible). Inst. March 21, 1290. The name of the place of institution is illegible.

BELCHFORD, Mediety ([Beltesford]). R. William de la ? Weye, d. p. by the [P. and C. of] Spalding to the mediety of the church of Belchford vacant by the death of Robert. Inst., ? Liddington, some time in March or early April, 1290 (date illegible).

SWARBY ([Swarreby]). V.¹ p. by the P. and C. of Kyme to the vicarage of Swarby vacant by the resignation of² Inst. Liddington (date illegible).

¹ Illegible.

² The last incumbent was Alan of Metherringham. See p. 17.

GRAINTHORPE ([Germethorp]). R.¹ subd., p. by [the P. and C. of]¹ Alvingham to the church of Grainthorpe vacant by the death of Master Walter. Inst., Liddington, ? March 29 (date not clear), 1290.

AUNSBY ([Ounesby]). R. Roger of Swinstead (Swinsted), ch., p. by the P. and C. of Wroxton to the church of Aunsby vacant by the res. of Thomas of Foxley (Foxele). Inst. [Noseley], April 12, 1290.

SEARBY (. . . . erby).¹ V. Alexander de Sprotton², ch., p. by the D. and C. of Lincoln to the vicarage of Searby vacant by the res. of Robert of Thame. Inst., Noseley, April 12, 1290.

SKEGNESS (Skegenes). R. Gilbert of Burgh (Burgo), ch., p. by Hugh son of¹ of Burgh², Alice² widow of John Clerk of the same place, Gerald² de Cathflet², Sara of Burgh and John Bratoft (Braytoft) to the church of Skegness vacant because Perirus³ the last rector had been instituted to the church of Harpswell. Inst., ? Hinckley (Hyncles), May 3, 1290.

BURTON PEDWARDINE (Burton'). V. Master [John]¹ of Burton, clerk in minor orders, p. by [Geoffrey de Cheyle, William of Morton and] Robert of S. Alban's (Sancto Albano), proctors of the A. and C. of Crowland, to the vicarage of Burton Pedwardine. Ordained subd. and d. at Rome by letters dimissory. Inst., ? Kidlington,² May 13, 1290.⁴

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LIBER INSTITUTIONUM DOMINI OLIVERI SUTTON' EPISCOPI LINCOLN'.⁵

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INSTITUTIONES

LINCOLN'.

QUARTODECIMO KALENDAS JUNII , DIE SANCTI DUNSTANI , ANNO DOMINI MCC NONOGESIMO INCIPIT ANNUS PONTIFICATUS DOMINI OLIVERI EPISCOPI LYNCOLN' UNDECIMUS.

WALESBY. R. James of Tankersley (Taunkerle), clerk in minor orders, p. by Sir James Byrun, knight, to the church of Walesby vacant by the death of Master Henry Byrun. Ordained subd. and inst. at Hertford, May 27, 1290, and had letters patent.

¹ Illegible.

² Very uncertain.

³ Sic.

⁴ End of the roll.

⁵ This and all subsequent entries are written in the Register.

GRASBY (Gresseby). V. Alan of Huttoft (Hotoft), subd., p. by the A. and C. of Thornton to the vicarage of Grasby vacant by the death of William. Ordained d. and inst. at Hertford, May 27, 1290, and had letters patent.

BRIGSLEY (Brigesle). R. Master Robert of Kirmington (Kirmington'), clerk in minor orders, p. by Brother William de Houteville (Houteville) called Prior of Ravendale, proctor-general in England of Beauport Abbey, to the church of Brigsley vacant by the death of Master Hugh. Ordained subd. and inst. at Hertford, May 27, 1290.

SALTFLEETBY, ST. PETER, Mediety (Salftletby). R. John of Somercotes (Sumercoates), clerk in minor orders, p. by Sir Robert of Somercotes to the mediety of the church of S. Peter, Saltfleetby (reason for vacancy not given). The custody of the church was given to Master Simon of Louth (Luda) until the majority of John, who was ordained subd. and inst. at Hertford, May 27, 1290, and had letters patent.

GREETHAM (Gretham). R. Bishop Sutton was patron. Walter of Lowthorpe (Louthorp'), who had forfeited the living by failing to be ordained priest within a year of institution, was re-instituted at Sleaford, July 19, 1290, and had letters patent.

WELL (Welle). R. Ralph of Alford (Alvord'), ch., p. by Sir William de Vescy, knight, to the chapel of Well vacant by the death of Walter of Well. Inst., Louth, August 25, 1290, and had letters patent.

RIBY. V. Roger Elewyn, ch., p. by the A. and C. of Grimsby to the vicarage of Riby vacant by the death of William. Inst., Stow Park, September 9, 1290.

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WILLOUGHBY-IN-THE-MARSH (Wiluby). R. Hugh of Willoughby, ch., p. by Sir William of Willoughby, knight, to the church of Willoughby vacant by the res. of Sir Philip of Willoughby. Inst., Stow Park, September 10, 1290, and had letters patent.

CUMBERWORTH (Cumbrewrth'). R. William of Oundle (Undel'), ch., p. by Sir Adam of Well (Welle) to the church of Cumberworth vacant by the res. of Philip of Well. Inst., Stow Park, September 13, 1290, and had letters patent.

GRAINSBY (Greynesby). R. Henry of Cray, ch., p. by Sir William de Vescy to the church of Grainsby vacant because

Master Thomas Malherbe had accepted the living of Bottesford (Botenesford') without licence to hold in plurality. Inst., Newark, September 19, 1290, and had letters patent.

THORNTON ABBEY. Note that Thomas Bridge, Prior of Thornton, appeared before Bishop Sutton at Newark on September 17, 1290, for confirmation of his election as Abbot of Thornton in succession to Walter of Huttoft, who had resigned. Licence to elect had been obtained from the King as guardian of the escheated lands of the Earl of Albemarle. The Bishop confirmed the election, and sent a letter to this effect (given in full) to the King. Thomas received formal benediction at Tinwell on September 24, 1290.

Vacante monasterio de Thornton' per cessionem fratris Walteri de Hotoft ultimi Abbatis ejusdem per litteram ipsius patentem sponte factam et canonicè admissam, fratreque Thoma de Ponte ejusdem domus Priore, petita prius a domino Rege ratione eschaete comitatus Albemarl' in manu sua existentis eligendi licencia et optenta, in ipsius domus abbatem per viam compromissi ut dicebatur electo, demum processu electionis hujusmodi XV kalendas Octobr' anno domini M.CC. nonagesimo apud Neuwerk' pro ipsius confirmatione habenda Episcopo presentato, et die sequente ad ipsius probationem duobus canonicis dicte domus productis, juratis et examinatis eorumque dictis in scriptis redactis et postmodum publicatis, quia Episcopus invenit dictam electionem de persona ydonea concorditer et canonicè celebratam, eam auctoritate pontificali confirmavit, dicto fratri Thome curam et administrationem dicti monasterii tam in spiritualibus quam in temporalibus quatenus ad ipsum pertinuit plenius committendo. Jurataque per dictum fratrem Thomam Episcopo et Officialibus suis canonica obediencia in forma consueta, notificata fuit domino Regi confirmatio electionis predicte sub hac forma: — Excellentissimo domino suo domino Edwardo dei gracia illustri Regi Anglie, domino Hybernie et Duci Aquitanie, Oliverus ejusdem permissione Lincoln' ecclesie minister humilis salutem in eo per quem reges regnant et regnorum omnium gubernacula sustentantur. Cum nos electionem factam de fratre Thoma de Ponte Priore monasterii de Thornton' in Abbatem loci ejusdem, cui regium prestitistis assensum, tanquam de persona ydonea concorditer et canonicè celebratam, auctoritate pontificali duxerimus confirmandam, hoc dominationi vestre tenore presentium intimamus, ut quod ad vos pertinet in hac parte fieri precipere dignemini cum favore. Valeat regia excellencia vestra in Christo Jesu per tempora diuterna. Datum apud Neuwerk' XIII kalendas Octobris anno domini M.CC. nonagesimo. — Et est sciendum quod quando canonici dicte domus adierunt Regem pro petenda licencia eligendi, habuerunt litteram patentem testimonialem de admissione cessionis

fratris Walteri predicti universis directam , set ea non fuerunt usi . Postmodum VIII kalendas Octobris anno predicto apud Tynewell' recepit dictus frater Thomas benedictionem solempnem ab Episcopo et preficebatur secundum formam in pontificali contentam . Et statim scriptum fuit Archidiacono Lincoln' vel ejus Officiali , quod id quod suum foret circa installationem dicti Abbatis exequaretur et quod injungeret canonicis , etc.

COLSTERWORTH (Colsterwrth'). R. Ralph de Sicca Villa, subd., p. by William of Stoke (Stokes), prebendary of Grantham Australis, to the church of Colsterworth vacant by the death of Master Stephen of Rockland (Rokelund') and the res. of Master William of Burnham (Brunham), who had been presented as his successor. Inst., Liddington, September 22, 1290, and had letters patent.

BURGH-LE-MARSH (Burgo). V. Walter of Houghton (Houton'), subd., p. by the P. and C. of Bullington to the vicarage of Burgh-Le-Marsh vacant by the institution of Gilbert to the living of Skegness. Ordained d. at Stamford, September 23, 1290, and inst. at Tinwell, September 24, 1290.

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TATTERSHALL (Tatershale). R. Thomas of Kingham (Kyningham), clerk in minor orders, p. by Sir Robert of Tattershall, knight, to the church of Tattershall vacant by the res. of Sir William of Carlton (Carleton'). Ordained subd. and inst. at Stamford, September 23, 1290.

WILSFORD PRIORY (Wyvelesford'). Note that Walter de Pont Audomar, monk of Bec, appeared before Bishop Sutton at Liddington on September 25, 1290, with letters patent (given in full) of the Abbot of Bec, presenting him to the Priory of Wilsford. Bishop Sutton objected to the wording of the letters on the ground that they trespassed upon episcopal rights, and forced Walter to renounce them. (This renunciation is given in full.) The Bishop thereupon gave him custody of the goods of the house until the following Candlemas (the letter, dated September 26, is given in full) and wrote to the Abbot of Bec remonstrating with him for his ignorance of correct procedure and supplying him with a model letter of presentation. (Sutton's letter is given in full and dated September 26.)

Memorandum quod VII kalendas Octobris anno domini M.CC. nonagesimo frater Walterus de ponte Audomari monachus monasterii beate Marie de Becco Herlewyni exhibuit episcopo apud Lidington' quandam patentem litteram sub hac forma :—Reverendo in Christo patri ac domino carissimo domino Olivero dei gracia Lincoln'

Episcopo , Ymerus permissione divina humilis Abbas monasterii beate Marie de Becco Hellewyni salutem in filio virginis gloriose et orationum suffragia devotarum cum omni reverencia pariter et honore . Dilectum in Christo filium fratrem Walterum de ponte Audomari commonachum nostrum exhibitorum presentium cui commisimus curam et administrationem prioratus nostri de Wyvelford' , vobis presentamus , reverende paternitati vestre humiliter supplicantes , quatinus ipsum in priorem prioratus nostri predictae admittere benigne dignemini et velitis . Valeat vestra paternitas reverenda bene et diu in domino Jesu Christo . Datum anno domini M.CC. nonagesimo die Veneris post festum Assumptionis beate Marie virginis .—Super qua quidem littera deliberatione habita aliquali , quia Episcopus quoad illa verba ' cui commisimus curam et administrationem prioratus nostri de Wyvelford' ' calumpniabatur eandem , nichilque dicto fratri Waltero vellet facere pro eadem , idem frater Walterus predictae littere renunciavit per litteram suam patentem , cujus est talis tenor :—Universis ad quos pervenerit noticia scripti presentis , frater Walterus de ponte Audomari monachus monasterii beate Marie de Becco Herlewyni , salutem in domino sempiternam . Noveritis me quamdam litteram religiosi viri fratris Ymeri Abbatis prefati monasterii beate Marie de Becco Herlewyni sub sigillo suo patentem venerabili patri domino Episcopo Lincoln' directam eidem patri exhibuisse sub hac forma :—Reverendo in Christo patri , etc.—Cumque ex serie et recitatione matricule seu registri patris predicti adverterem evidenter formam hujus littere domini Abbatis predictae dissonam esse nimis a formis aliarum litterarum , quas Abbates monasterii predicti patri predicto et predecessores suis quantum ad perfectionem prioris domus predictae de Wyvelesford' consueverunt mittere in hoc casu , pro jure utriusque salvando huic littere presentationis predictae de me factae patri predicto quantum ad formam insertam renuncio usquequam , et in signum hujusmodi renunciationis mee eundem litteram presentationis mee eidem patri relinquo viribus vacuam et inanem , intendens cum superiore meo Abbate predicto per me vel alium citra festum purificationis gloriose virginis Marie proxime futurum a patre predicto mihi prefixum deliberare plenius et tractare , quid ad honorem dei et pro jure utriusque partis salvando scribendum clarius et faciendum equius fuerit in hac parte , gratie patris predicti quantum ad nudam custodiam bonorum prioratus predicti confidenter interim me supponens . In cujus rei testimonium sigillum meum presentibus est appensum . Datum apud Lidington' VII kalendas Octobris , anno domini M.CC. nonagesimo . — Quibus peractis , Episcopus commisit dicto fratri Waltero custodia bonorum et rerum ad dictum prioratum spectantium sub forma contenta in littera subsequenti : — O. etc , Decano de Graham , salutem etc . Quia custodiam omnium bonorum

et rerum prioratus de Wyvelesford' decanatus vestri , dilecto nobis in Christo fratri Waltero de ponte Audomari monacho monasterii beate Marie de Becco Herlewyni ex certa sciencia usque ad festum purificationis virginis gloriose proxime futurum ut interim litteram sui Abbatis habere nos faciat competentem , de gracia commisimus speciali , vobis firmiter injungendo mandamus quatinus actualem custodiam bonorum et rerum hujusmodi interim auctoritate nostra sibi traditis in forma predicta . Datum apud Lidington' , VI kalendas Octobris pontificatus nostri anno XI . Scriptum etiam fuit Abbato de Becco sub hac forma : — O. etc , Religioso viro Abbati beate Marie de Becco Herelewyni salutem et per amorem justicie aliorum jura diligere sicut sua . Quamdā litteram vestram presentatoriam per fratrem Walterum de ponte Audomari commonachum vestrum ex parte vestra nobis exhibitam nuper recepimus sub hac forma : — Reverendo in Christi patri , ut supra in principio . — Quamvis igitur procuratores bonorum vestrorum et negotiorum gestores possetis ubilibet de commonachis vestris constituere quos velletis , in aliorum tamen diocesibus nullum commonachorum vestrorum priorem instituere seu alicui prioratum committere qui vel prior sit vel nomen prioris gerat , seu curam vel administrationem alicujus loci vestri sub nomine prioratus optineat absque diocesanorum Episcoporum auctoritate jure refragante potestis . Unde si in simplicitate confidenter ambulare velletis , formam subscriptam quam a patribus Abbatibus et prioribus in casu consimili directam nobis habemus , scribere nobis si placet sub nomine vestro possetis , et hoc sine timore calumpnie quam aliter cum jure nostri prejudicio omittere non valemus . Nec ista vobis scribimus ex presumptionis arrogancia novit deus , set ut per exempla sciatis quam leviter quamque breviter viam calumpniis claudere valeatis : — Reverendo in Christo patri domino dei gracia Lincoln' episcopo (*Folio 212v*) Ymerus permissione divina humilis Abbas Monasterii beate Marie de Becco Herelw, nni salutem in domino sempiternam cum omni reverencia et honore . Ad prioratum nostrum de Wyvelesford' ad nostram presentationem spectantem , dilectum mihi in Christo fratrem Walterum de Ponte Audomari commonachum nostrum exhibitorem presentium paternitati vestre presentamus supplicantes humiliter et devote quatinus dictum fratrem Walterum ad predictum prioratum admittere et in eodem instituere prout moris est velitis . Valeat vestra paternitas , etc . — Si sicut alii in casu consimili scribere sic velitis , ecce omnia erunt plana . Valete . Datum apud Lidington' , VI kalendas Octobris pontificatus nostri anno XI.

WOOLSTHORPE (Wulstorp'). R. Andrew of Kirton (Kirketon'), p. by Lady Isabel de Ros to the church of Woolsthorpe vacant because Henry of Cray (Creye) had been inst. to the church

of Grainsby. Inst., Buckden, October 11, 1290, and had letters patent.

GREAT CARLTON (Magna Carleton'). Note that the Bishop conferred the church of Great Carleton, of which he was patron, upon Martin Creuker, pr., in the presence of Master Jocelyn of Kirmington and John de Scalleby, at Buckden on October 11, 1290. Martin had letters patent.¹

V idus Octobris anno XI , apud Bukkeden' in camera sua parum ante hora prandendi , presentibus Magistro Gocelino de Kirnington' canonico Lincoln' et Johanne de Scalleby presbitero contulit Episcopus Martino Creuker presbitero ecclesiam de Magna Carleton' in decanatu de Luthesk' que de ipsius Episcopi patronatu existit vacantem , intuitu caritatis , concedens sibi super collatione hujusmodi litteram in forma consueta patentem.

RIBY (Ryby). V. Richard of Steeping (Steping'), ch., p. by the A. and C. of Grimsby to the vicarage of Riby vacant by the death of Roger Alewyn. Inst., Buckden, October 28, 1290.

S. LEONARD'S PRIORY, STAMFORD (S. Leonardi extra Staumford'). Note that on the res., on account of ill-health, of Peter of Sedgfield (whose letter is given in full) the P. and C. of Durham presented Geoffrey of Boston to be custodian of S. Leonard's. Bishop Sutton accepted the presentation and wrote to the Archdeacon of Lincoln directing him to install Geoffrey. Both the Prior's letter, dated November 2, 1290, and that of the Bishop, dated November 13 at Buckden, are given in full.

Vacante prioratu Sancti Leonardi juxta Staumford' per cessionem fratris Petri de Seggefeud' litteratorie factam et canonice admissam cujus cessionis forma talis existit : — Reverendo patri in Christo domino O. dei gracia Episcopo Lincoln' , devotus filius Petrus de Seggefeud' quondam Prior celle Sancti Leonardi juxta Staumford' salutem et debitam cum omni honore reverenciam . Venerabili paternitati vestre per presentes litteras sigillo meo signatas significo me ob gravem corporis infirmitatem regimini domus Sancti Leonardi juxta Staumford' cui aliquando qualitercumque prefui mere cessisse in presencia prioris et conventus Dunelmen' in capitulo . Quam cessionem et dicte celle resignationem die Martis in vigilia Omnium Sanctorum anno domini M.CC. nonagesimo a me spontanee factam tenore presentium vobis denuncio omni quam possum affectione supplicans , quatinus si placet in dicte mee cessionis testimonium presentes litteras benigne recipiatis , et eandem cessionem una cum resignatione mea ratam et gratam habere velitis . In cujus rei testimonium , presentes litteras patentes sigillo meo signatas

vobis transmittito . Datum Dunelm' die et anno supradictis . Valeat vestra reverenda paternitas semper in Christo . — Religiosi viri . . . Prior et Conventus Dunelm' fratrem Galfridum de Sancto Botulpho , monachum Dunelm' , ad custodiam dicte celle presentarunt Episcopo sub hac forma : — Reverendo patri in Christo domino O. dei gracia Episcopo Lincoln' devoti filii Ricardus Prior et Conventus ecclesie Dunelm' salutem , et tanto patri debitam cum omni devotione reverenciam . Venerande paternitati vestre ad custodiam celle nostre domus videlicet Sancti Leonardi juxta Staumford' vacantem presentamus dilectum fratrem et commonachum nostrum dominum Galfridum de Sancto Botulpho , omni quam possumus affectione vestram exorantes celsitudinem quatinus eundem Galfridum ad dicte celle custodiam benigne si placet admittere dignemini , salvis nobis ecclesie Dunelm' libertatibus et ordinis in omnibus disciplina . In cujus rei testimonium sigillum capituli nostri presentibus est appensum . Datum Dunelm' IIII nonas Novembris anno domini M.CC. nonagesimo . — Qua quidem presentatione una cum resignatione predicta in presentia Episcopi apud Buckeden' idibus Novembris anno domini supradicto recitata , Episcopus statim dicto Galfrido custodiam dicte celle tam in spiritualibus quam in temporalibus commisit , prestitoque ab eodem fratre juramento corporali quod episcopo et suis officialibus in mandatis canonicis obediret . Scriptum fuit Archidiacono Lincoln' vel ejus Officiali prout sequitur : — O. etc , Archidiacono Lincoln' vel ejus Officiali etc . Quia custodiam celle Sancti Leonardi juxta Staumford' vacantis per cessionem ultimi custodis ejusdem nobis litteratorie factam et per nos canonicè admissam , dilecto in Christo filio fratri Galfrido de Sancto Botulpho monacho Dunelm' duximus committendam , curam ejusdem celle tam in spiritualibus quam in temporalibus sibi plenius concedentes ; Vobis mandamus quatinus eundem fratrem Galfridum corporalem possessionem loci predicti tanquam ipsius custodem habere faciatis , commonachis et confratribus ibidem commorantibus injungentes vice nostra , ut eidem plenius obediant et intendant . Valete . Datum apud Buckeden' , idibus Novembris , pontificatus nostri anno XI.

STOW NEAR THRECKINGHAM (Stowe juxta Trikingham). Peter of Birthorpe (Birthorp'), ch., p. by the P. and C. of Sempringham to the vicarage of Stow near Threckingham vacant by the res. of Geoffrey of Godmanchester (Gurmecestr'). Inst., Buckden, November 18, 1290.

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LEGBOURNE Mediety (Lekeburn'). R. Robert of Holton (Hotton), ch., p. by Sir Robert of Legbourne, knight, to the mediety of the church of Legbourne, vacant by the res. of Simon of Baston. Inst., Hatfield, November 29, 1290.

WELBY (Welleby). R. Edmund Maubank', clerk in minor orders, p. by William of Stoke, prebendary of Grantham Australis, to the church of Welby vacant by the res. of William of Ripton (Rupton'). Ordained subd. and inst. at Wycombe, December 23, 1290, and had letters patent.

BELCHFORD Mediety (Beltesford'). R. John of Aylesbury (Eylesbir'), clerk in minor orders, p. by the P. and C. of Trent-ham to the mediety of the church of Belchford vacant because Eymo de Vienne (Vyenna) had been inst. to the church of Farthinghoe. Ordained subd. and inst. at Wycombe, December 23, 1290.

GRANTHAM. V. Master Henry of Dinsdale (Dittenseshale), subd., p. by Richard of Aylestone (Ayleston'), vicar of ? Stannington (Stuungton'), proctor of Master William de Berges, prebendary of Grantham Borealis, to the vicarage of that prebend vacant by the res. of William of Hagbourne (Hakeburn'). Ordained d. and inst. at Wycombe, December 23rd, 1290.

IMMINGHAM (Imingham). V. Thomas of Tonge (Tange), ch., p. by the Prioress and Convent of Appleton to the vicarage of Immingham vacant by the res. and subsequent death of Michael. Inst., Fingest, December 28, 1290.

EAST KEAL (Estkele). R. Robert of Harton, ch., p. by Brother Brian de Jay, vicegerent of the Master of the Templars in England, to the church of East Keal vacant by the death of Ralph of S. Clair. Inst., Fingest, December 28, 1290.

FULBECK (Fulebek'). R. Matthew of Wetherden (Wetheresden'), ch., p. by John, Duke of Brittany and Earl of Richmond, to the church of Fulbeck vacant by the res. of Ralph of Hagley (Hagele). There is a note that the usual inquisition was made by the Dean of Loveden, the Archdeacon of Lincoln being abroad and having no official. Inst., Fingest, January 20, 1291.

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MINTING PRIORY. Note that on January 19, 1291, at Fingest, Theobald de Thoriaco, monk of Fleury, appeared before the Bishop with a letter (given in full) from the Abbot of Fleury presenting him to the Priory of Minting, vacant by the res. of Iterius de Turre. The Bishop objected to the nomination on the grounds that (a) Theobald had acted beyond his lawful authority in discharging the affairs of the house (to which Theobald replied that illness had prevented his getting the bishop's sanction), (b) Iterius de Turre had not notified the Bishop of his resignation, (c) the Abbot's letter of presentation contained the words "we ordain

him prior" which was an infringement of the Bishop's rights. When, however, Theobald placed himself completely in the Bishop's hands he was admitted prior *per librum*, and the Bishop wrote to the official of the Archdeacon of Lincoln or his substitute (during his absence abroad) the Dean of Gartree, ordering him to induct Theobald as Prior. The witnesses of this institution were Masters Durand Archdeacon of Stow, Jocelyn of Kirmington, Walter of Wootton and Robert of Kilworth, canons of Lincoln, and John de Scalleby, priest.

Venit apud Tingehirst XIII kalendas Februarii anno domini M.CC. nonagesimo frater Theobaldus de Thoriaco monachus Monasterii Sancti Benedicti Floriacensis exhibens Episcopo quamdam litteram Abbatis sui presentatoriam ut prima facie videbatur sub hac forma : — Reverendo in Christo patri domino divina providencia Episcopo Lincoln', frater Guillelmus eadem miseratione Monasterii Sancti Benedicti Floriacensis Abbas humilis, salutem et reverenciam cum honore. Cum dilectus in Christo filius frater Iterius dictus de Turre nostri monasterii monachus curam et administrationem prioratus nostri de Mintinges vestre diocesis in nostra presencia dimiserit libera et spontanea voluntate, et dilectum in Christo filium fratrem Theobaldum de Thoriaco nostri monasterii monachum quondamque priorem tertium in ordine dicti loci, virum utique vite laudabilis et conversationis honeste providum et discretum exhibitorum presentium ordinaverimus priorem prioratus de Mintinges predicti, eundem fratrem Theobaldum vobis ad prefatum prioratum duximus presentandum, paternitati vestre humiliter supplicantes quatinus quod ad vos pertinet in hac parte, dicto presentato facere velitis cum gracia et favore, eundem recommendatum habentes si placet. Datum anno domini M.CC. nonagesimo die dominica post festum Inventionis beati Stephani. — Et quia dictus frater Theobaldus finita custodia dicti prioratus per Episcopum sibi ad instanciam suam pro utilitate dicti loci ne per diutinam vacationem dispendium incurreret et jacturam prius commissa, administrationem rerum tam spiritualium quam temporalium pertinentium ad locum eundem se temere immiscuerat, super quo vocatus fuit peremptorie coram Episcopo responsurus; recitata fuerunt retroacta hujusmodi custodiam et citationem contingencia prout in rotulo institutionum de anno predicto similiter et precedente apertius continentur. Idem vero presentatus ad immiscentiam dicte administrationis sibi objectam respondit se per infirmitatem qua continue prius laborarat constanter excusans, petendo secum misericorditer agi et non secundum rigorem, propter quod deliberato super littera presentationis prescripta, licet calumpniam evidenter pateretur, et primo in hoc quod ultimus prior dicti loci ipsius regimen in presencia Abbatis sui resignasse dicebatur, nullimoda resignatione ejusdem prioris

Episcopo oblata seu per ipsum admissa ; secundo, in alio quod adiciebatur per dictum Abbatem , ordinaverimus priorem cum ordinatio prioris ad dictum prioratum ad ipsum nullo modo pertineat , set potius nuda presentatio et pura episcopo facienda est , verumtamen quia memoratus frater Theobaldus se tanquam simpliciter presentatum petiit admitti , expressius recognoscens se per Episcopum ordinari et institui debere in priorem , Abbatemque suum non habere aliam ordinationem prioris ad locum predictum , nisi ut ordinet de persona presentanda , admissus fuit per librum , episcopo eidem fratri Theobaldo sic dicente : — ‘ Admitto te ad prioratum de Mintinges et committo tibi curam spiritualium et temporalium ejusdem . Tu eris mihi et Officialibus meis obediens in licitis et canonicis mandatis , sic deus te adjuvat et hec sancta Ewangelia.’ Et dictus frater Theobaldus una manu supposita libro et alia superposita jurando repromisit ‘ Ero ’ , librum deosculando . Quibus peractis scriptum fuit Officiali Archidiaconi Lincoln’ vel Decano de Geytre eo quod Archidiaconus agebat in partibus transmarinis , sub hac forma : — O. permissione divina Lincoln’ episcopus , dilecto in Christo filio¹ Officiali¹ Archidiaconi Lincoln vel Decano de Gertre salutem , gratiam et benedictionem . Quia fratrem Theobaldum de Thoriaco , monachum monasterii S. Benedicti Floriacensis , per Abbatem loci ejusdem ad prioratum de Mintinges vacantem nobis presentatum ratione nude et pure presentationis que dicto Abbati competit in hac parte sicut idem frater Theobaldus expressius recognovit , admisimus , ipsumque priorem in dicto prioratu canonice instituimus , curam et administrationem spiritualium et temporalium ipsius loci committentes eidem , Vobis mandamus quatinus prefatum fratrem Theobaldum in corporalem possessionem dicti prioratus prout moris est inducere non tardetis , commonachis suis et ceteris ministris ibidem injungentes vice nostra , ut dicto fratre Theobaldo tanquam priori obediant et intendant . Valete . Datum apud Tinge-hirst XIII kalendas Februarii pontificatus nostri anno undecimo—Acta sunt hec presentibus Magistris Durando Archidiacono Stowe , Gocelino de Kirnington’ , Walterus de Wutton’ et Roberto de Kivelingwrth’ canonicis Lincoln’ ac Johanne de Scalleby presbitero.

WILSFORD PRIORY (Wyvelesford’). Note of the institution of Walter de Pont Audomar as Prior of Wilsford in succession to Stephen of Stoke. The institution was performed at Woburn, January 24, 1291. Walter already had custody of the priory. The letter of presentation given by the Abbot of Bec, written this time in the correct form, according to the Bishop’s request, is given in full.

Vacante prioratu de Wyvelesford’ per mortem fratris Stephani de Stok’ ultimi prioris ejusdem , Abbas et Conventus Monasterii

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beate Marie de Becco Herlewyni fratrem Walterum de ponte Audomari ad dictum prioratum presentavit sub hac forma : — Reverendo in Christo patri domino Olivero dei gracia Lincoln' Episcopo , Ymerus permissione divina humilis Abbas Monasterii beate Marie de Becco Hellewyni salutem in domino sempiternam cum omni reverencia et honore . Ad prioratum nostrum de Wyvelesford ad nostram presentationem spectantem , dilectum in Christo filium fratrem Walterum de ponte Audomari commonachum nostrum exhibitorem presentium paternitati vestre reverende presentamus , supplicantes humiliter [et] devote quatinus dictum fratrem Walterum ad predictum prioratum admittere et in eodem instituere prout moris est velitis . Valeat vestra paternitas reverenda bene et diu in domino Jesu Christo . Datum anno domini M.CC. nonagesimo die lune post festum beati Andree apostoli . (*Folio 214.*) Qui quidem frater Walterus post optentam prius custodiam prioratus ejusdem prout superius in secundo folio continetur , ad dictum prioratum est admissus , IX kalendas Februarii anno XI apud Wuburn' et Prior canonice institutus in eodem , cura et administratione ipsius prioratus sibi plenius commissa . Jurataque per dictum fratrem Walterum episcopo et Officialibus suis canonica obediencia in forma consueta , scriptum est Officiali Archidiaconi Lincoln' seu eo non existente Decano de Graham quod id quod suum esset in hac parte juxta preteriti temporis morem exequi non tardaret.

MARKBY PRIORY (Markeby). Note that Roger of Bratoft appeared before Bishop Sutton at Caversham on February 4, 1291, for confirmation of his election as Prior of Markby in succession to Simon of Ottringham who had died. Licence to elect had been obtained from Simon son of Robert of Driby. The Bishop declared the election invalid on grounds of incorrect procedure and deprived the electors of their power to choose a Prior on this occasion. He then instituted the said Roger as Prior upon his own responsibility.

Vacante prioratu de Markeby per mortem fratris Simonis de Otringham ultimi prioris ejusdem , fratre que Rogero de Braytoft' canonico prioratus ejusdem in ipsius Priorem per viam scrutinii ut dicebatur electo , petita prius a Simone filio Roberti de Dryby eligendi licencia et obtenta , demum processu electionis hujusmodi II nonas Februarii anno domini M.CC. nonagesimo apud Caversham , pro ipsius electionis confirmatione habenda Episcopo presentato , et ad ejus probationem duobus testibus dicte domus canonicis productis , juratis et examinatis , eorumque dictis postmodum publicatis , quia episcopus in processu predicto multiplex vitium invenit , eandem electionem quatenus de facto processit , irritam et prorsus nullam pronunciavit justitia suadente , eligentes propter culpam suam eligendi ea vice potestate privando , sibi que providendi

dicte domui de priore facultatem specialiter reservando . Deinde examinatis conditionibus fratris Rogeri predicti , quia invenit eidem mores et merita graciosam multipliciter suffragari , omnesque confratres dicte domus duobus dumtaxat exceptis in eum ut eorum esset prior vota sua modo suo direxisse , ipsumque fratrem Rogerum magis ydoneum esse ad officium prioris inter omnes confratres suos reputatione communi , ipsum jure ad eum in hac parte ut premititur devoluto in priorem dicte domus auctoritate pontificali prefecit , curam et administrationem prioratus ejusdem tam in spiritualibus quam in temporalibus eidem plenius committendo . A quo quidem Priore prestito juramento de obediendo Episcopo et Officialibus suis in canonicis mandatis , scriptum fuit Archidiacono Lincoln' vel ejus Officiali seu in eorum defectum Decano de Calsewath' quod id quod suum foret circa dicti prioris installationem , etc , et quod injungeret , etc . Acta II nonas Februarii anno domini et loco predictis.

KYME PRIORY (Kyma). Note that Nicholas of Swarby, sub-prior of Kyme, appeared before the Bishop at Fingest on January 20, 1291, for confirmation of his election as Prior of Kyme in succession to Thomas of Spalding who had resigned. The Bishop declared the election invalid because it had been carried out not, as Nicholas claimed, by inspiration of the Holy Ghost, but by conspiracy among the electors. The Bishop therefore deprived them of their power to choose a Prior upon this occasion, and, upon his own responsibility, inst. Arnold the cellarer of Thornton as Prior of Kyme. The institution was performed at South Stoke, near Wallingford, February 11, 1291.

Vacante prioratu de Kyma per cessionem fratris Thome de Spalding' ultimi prioris ejusdem in manibus Episcopi factam et canonice admissam , fratreque Nicholao de Swarreby supprior prioratus predicti in ipsius Priorem quasi per inspirationem spiritus sancti ut dicebatur electo , nulla eligendi licencia prius petita quia hoc fieri minime consuevit ut proponebatur , demum processu electionis hujusmodi pro ipsius electionis confirmatione habenda XIII kalendas Februarii anno domini M.CC. nonagesimo apud Tyngel-hirst' Episcopo presentato , et ad ejus probationem duobus testibus dicte domus canonicis productis , juratis et examinatis , eorumque dictis postmodum publicatis , quia episcopus invenit dictam electionem variis ex causis minus canonice celebratam , utpote nec per inspirationem nec quasi inspirationem spiritus sancti ut per illam viam condecet , set potius per instigationem plurium de conventu extra capitulum non absque conspirationis vitio fabricatam (ut ex depositionibus dictorum testium licuit evidenter) , eandem electionem non vitio persone ipsius electi set ob defectum eligentium et vitio processus electionis ipsius auctoritate pontificali

cassavit , eligentes propter culpam suam potestate iterum eligendi ea vice privando et sibi ad tunc providendi dicte domui de priore facultatem specialiter reservando . Deinde habita deliberatione exquisita et revolutione sollicita de personarum meritis diversarum , dicteque domus utilitate pensata , fratrem Arnaldum Cellarium domus de Thornton' virum morigeratum , religiosum , et multis virtutibus pollentem , ac in spiritualibus et temporalibus expertum et etiam circumspectum , in priorem dicte domus episcopus jure ad ipsum in hac parte devoluto auctoritate pontificali prefecit III idus Februarii anno domini predicto apud Stok' Abbatis juxta Walingford' , curam et administrationem prefate domus eidem plenius committendo . A quo quidem priore prestito juramento de obediendo Episcopo et Officialibus suis in canonicis mandatis , scriptum fuit Archidiacono Lincoln' vel ejus Officiali seu decano de Lafford' , quod id quod ad dicti prioris installationem pertineret exequaretur , et injungeret , etc.

SCREMBY. R. Robert of Drayton, pr., p. by Sir Gilbert de Gaunt, knight, to the church of Scremby vacant because Master Adam of Camps had received another living in the diocese of Exeter. The right of presentation was disputed by Walter Sleght of Winthorpe and Sara his wife who presented Henry of Stainsby. A writ of darrein presentment dated February 10 directed the Bishop to accept Sir Gilbert's candidate, and he was inst. at Cold Norton, March 3, 1291.

Vacante ecclesia de Scremby per hoc quod Magister Adam de Caumpes ultimus rector ejusdem aliam ecclesiam curam animarum habentem in diocese Exon' titulo institutionis admisit , dominus Gilbertus de Gaunt miles Robertum de Drayton' presbiterum , ac Walterus Sleght de Wyntorp' et Sarra uxor ejus Henricum de Stavenesby clericum ad dictam ecclesiam presentarunt . Factisque inquisitionibus per W. Archidiaconum Lincoln' per quas , etc , habita etiam inter presentantes predictos altercatione diutina in curia domini Regis , demum exhibitum fuit Episcopo breve domini Regis sub hac forma : — (*Folio 214v.*) Edwardus dei gracia etc., Episcopo Lincoln' etc . Sciatis quod convenit in curia nostra coram justiciariis nostris apud Westmonasterium inter Gilbertum de Gaunt petentem per Robertum de Esinton' positum loco suo ad lucrandum vel perdendum , et Walterum Sleght et Sarram uxorem ejus defendentes per Robertum de Fen positum loco suo ad lucrandum vel perdendum , de advocatione ecclesie de Scremby cum pertinentiis , unde assisa ultime presentationis summonita fuit inter eos in eadem curia , scilicet quod predicti Walterus et Sarra recognoverunt predictam advocationem predictae ecclesie cum pertinentiis esse jus ipsius Gilberti , et illam remiserunt et quietem clamaverunt de se et heredibus ipsius Sarre predicto

Gilberto in perpetuum . Et ideo vobis mandamus quod non obstante reclamacione predictorum Walteri et Sarre ad presentationem predicti Gilberti ad predictam ecclesiam idoneam personam admittatis . Teste J. de Metingham apud Westmonasterium X die Februarii anno regni nostri XIX . Exhibita etiam littera dicti Magistri Ade de Caumpes resignatoria , dictus Robertus de Drayton' ad dictam ecclesiam est admissus , V nonas Martii anno XI apud Coldnorton' et rector canonice institutus in eadem . Jurataque Episcopo canonica obediencia in forma consueta , scriptum est Archidiacono Lincoln' vel ejus Officiali seu in eorum defectum Decano de Candelshou quod , etc.

BRINKHILL (Brinkil). R. William of London, subd., p. by Sir Hugh Bardolf, knight, to the church of Brinkhill vacant by the res. of Richard of Walton. Inst., Cold Norton, March 3, 1291.

NEWTON-LE-WOLD (Neuton'). R. Philip of Willoughby (Wilgby), clerk in minor orders, p. by Antony Bek, Bishop of Durham, to the church of Newton-le-Wold vacant because Hugh of Willoughby had been inst. to the church of Willoughby-in-the-Marsh. Ordained subd. and inst. at Northampton, March 17, 1291, and had letters patent.

SCRIVELSBY (Scrivelby). R. Master William Gernun', clerk in minor orders, p. by Sir Philip Marmiun, knight, to the church of Scrivelsby vacant by the death of Master Bonetus. Ordained subd. and inst. at Northampton, March 17, 1291.

SEDGEBROOK Mediety (Seggebrok'). R. William of Bevercotes (Bevercote), clerk in minor orders, p. by the P. and C. of Eye to the mediety of the church of Sedgebrook vacant, according to the decree of the Council of Lyons, by the fact that six months had elapsed since it was commended to William of Birley (Birle). Ordained subd. and inst. at Northampton, March 17, 1291, and had letters patent.

FULLETTY (Fulety). R. Hugh of Prestwold, clerk in minor orders, p. by the P. and C. of Bullington to the third part of the church of Fulletby vacant by the death of William of Beverley (Beverlaco). Ordained subd. and inst. at Northampton, March 17, 1291.

BRACEBOROUGH Mediety (Brassingburg'). R. John of Threckingham, clerk in minor orders, p. by the Master and Brethren of the Hospital of S. Lazarus at Burton to the mediety of the church of Braceborough vacant by the death of Ralph Brune. Ordained subd. and inst. at Northampton, March 17, 1291, and had letters patent.

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NETTLETON (Nettelton). R. Master Walter of Navenby (Navenbi), ch., p. by the P. and C. of Sixhills to the church of Nettleton vacant by the death of John of Maidstone (Maydenstan). Inst., Brampton near Northampton, March 24, 1291.

TIMBERLAND (Tymberlund'). V. Robert of Kirton (Kirketon'), ch., p. by the P. and C. of Thurgarton to the vicarage of Timberland vacant by the death of Henry. Inst., Liddington, March 30, 1291.

WEST BARKWITH (Westbarkwrth'). R. John of Heslerton (Heslarton'), d., rep. by Master Roger of Heslerton to the church of West Barkwith vacant because the said John had not been ordained priest within a year of institution. Inst., Lincoln, April 24, 1291. Master William of Kelham acted as his surety that he would make the necessary payments to the Bishop's sequestrator.

"Et est sciendum quod Magister Willelmus de Kelun tunc presens manucepit quod idem Johannes satisfaceret sequestratori Episcopi de fructibus dicte ecclesie post lapsum anni ab ipso Johanne perceptis."

SEMPRINGHAM (Sempingham). V. Henry of Carlby (Carleby), ch., p. by the P. and C. of Sempringham to the vicarage of Sempringham vacant because Peter of Birthorpe (Birthorp') had been inst. to the vicarage of Stow. Inst., Stow Park, May 9, 1291.

HALTON HOLEGATE (Halton'). R. Master Ralph of Halton, subd., rep. by Sir Richard of Halton to the church of Halton Hologate vacant because the said Ralph had not been ordained priest within a year of institution. Inst., Stow Park, May 9, 1291, and had letters patent.

XII' QUARTODECIMO KALENDAS JUNII DIE SANCTI DUNSTANI ANNO DOMINI M.CC. NONAGESIMO PRIMO, INCIPIT ANNUS PONTIFICATUS DOMINI OLIVERI EPISCOPI LINCOLN' DUODECIMUS.

TETNEY (Tetenay). V. Henry of Riby, ch., p. by the A. and C. of Wellow near Grimsby to the vicarage of Tetney vacant by the death of Master William. Inst., Louth, June 9, 1291.

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SOUTH RESTON (Suthriston). R. Master Patrick of Middleton (Middelton), clerk in minor orders, p. by the P. and C. of Bullington to the church of South Reston vacant because Walter of Navenby had been inst. to the church of Nettleton. Ordained subd. and inst. at Boston, June 16, 1291.

WYVILLE (Wywell). R. Robert of Mileham (Milham), clerk in minor orders, p. by the P. and C. of Farley to the church of Wyville vacant by the death of Master William of Bath. Another candidate presented by Lady Eustachia of Fancourt (Fanecurt') was withdrawn by letters patent. Ordained subd. and inst. at Boston, June 16, 1291.

DUNSBY BY BRAUNCEWELL (Dunnesby). R. Stephen of Pointon (Poynton), clerk in minor orders, p. by the P. and C. of Catley to the church of Dunsby vacant by the death of Gilbert. Ordained subd. and inst. at Boston, June 16, 1291, and had letters patent.

STICKFORD Mediety (Stikeford'). R. Giles of Appleby (Appelby), clerk in minor orders, p. by the P. and C. of Markby to the mediety of the church of Stickford vacant because Thomas of Mablethorpe (Malberthorp') had not been ordained priest within a year of institution and had resigned by letters patent. Ordained subd. and inst. at Boston, June 16, 1291, and had letters patent.

BRIGSLEY (Briggsle). R. Master Robert of Kirmington (Kirnington'), d., rep. by Brother Ralph called Maleherbe, proctor at West Ravendale of the A. and C. of Beauport, to the church of Briggsley vacant because the said Master Robert had not been ordained priest within a year of institution. Ordained pr. and inst. at Boston, June 16, 1291, and had letters patent.

WALESBY. R. James of Tankersley (Taunkerle), d., rep. by Sir James Byrun, knight, to the church of Walesby vacant because the said James had not been ordained priest within a year of institution. Ordained pr. and inst. at Boston, June 16, 1291, and had letters patent.

CASTLE BYTHAM (Bitham). V. Gerard of Wing (Wenge), ch., presented by the D. and C. of Lincoln to the newly-created vicarage of Castle Bytham and Holywell. Inst., Louth, June 13, 1291. An inquisition held by the Dean of Beltisloe determined the extent of the vicar's resources and responsibilities, and the substance of this inquisition is given in full.

Gerardo de Wenge , capellano , presentato per Decanum et Capitulum ecclesie Lincoln' ad vicariam in ecclesiis de Bitham et de Helewell' de novo ordinandam , factaque inquisitione per Decanum de Belteslawe super omnibus portionibus majoribus et minoribus ad dictas ecclesias pertinentibus , ipsarumque portionum vero valore , ac omnibus tam in ministris juxta morem preteriti temporis quam aliis eisdem ecclesiis incumbentibus , necnon in quibus portionibus una cum manso competente vicaria ibidem posset convenientius ordinari , per quam quidem inquisitionem est acceptum quod tres bovate terre et tresdecim acre et dimidiam spectant ad ecclesiam de Bitham , et valet bovata terre sexdecim solidos , quodque decime garbarum de Byham Cumthorp' et Greton' (*Folio* 216) valent viginti libras et decima feni XXIX solidos . Item , decima feni de La Launde valet IX solidos , decima vero lane et agnorum de Byham , Cunthorp' et Greton' valet sexaginta solidos . Vinum principale cum omnibus aliis minutis decimis , oblationibus et gallinis valet sex marcas . Item , ibi est pastura ad viginti quatuor boves in parco per annum et valet viginti solidos . Item , quod rector potest habere in parco quadraginta porcos et unum per sex septimanas et valet duos solidos , et percipit ecclesia de Byham pro capella de castro et decima molendini tres solidos . Redditus etiam assisus spectans ad ecclesiam de Byham XII solidos , VI denarios . Item rectores habent in bosco tresdecim caretatas bosci , et valent IIII solidos et IIII denarios . ¹Item , rector habebit de venatione domini tres feras . Item , decime garbarum de Helewell' et Ouneby valent undecim marcas et alteragium cum omnibus pertinentiis valet quinque marcas . Est etiam in villa de Byham locus quidam qui consuevit spectare ad ecclesiam de Helewell' , qui est mansus competens ad opus vicarii , set sunt ibi quedam domus constructe ut aula et camera tantum . Item apud Byham solet esse unus capellanus et clericus ejus , et ille sacerdos invenit alium sacerdotem loco suo qui celebravit apud Cunthorp' sex principalibus festis , et idem sacerdos singulis diebus dominicis venit apud Cunthorp' et ministravit parochianis aquam benedictam et panem benedictum et dixit eis memoriam de die et preces . Rector etiam inveniet lumen sufficiens circa magnum altare et unam lampadem . ²Item dictus rector inveniet capellanum ydoneum celebrantem in ecclesia de Helewell' et ille capellanus deserviet parochianis de Helewell' et Ouneby et inveniet lumen sufficiens circa magnum altare et unam lampadem . Inveniet etiam omnia ornamenta ecclesie preter calicem et missale et vas ad aquam benedictam in tribus locis videlicet apud Byham , Helewell' et Cunthorp' . Sustinebit insuper tria cancella scilicet unum apud Byham , aliud apud Helewell' et tertium apud Cunthorp' . Solvet etiam procuracionem Archidiaconi

¹ The two next sentences are interlined in the margin.

² The next sentence is interlined in the margin.

pro tribus partibus et solvet in sinodalibus VI solidos . Episcopus¹ habita deliberatione cum capitulo suo predicto ordinavit² quod vicaria predicta consistat in manso competente per capitulum Lincoln' sufficienter edificando , et in utroque alteragio de Byham et de Helewell' cum omnibus pertinentiis suis nullo excepto , una cum decima feni de La Launde , et eo quod redditur dicte ecclesie de Byham pro capella de castro , ac decima molendini , salvo quod pastura boum et porcorum in parco , ac decima ferarum et bosci que ad capitulum predictum spectare debebunt , sub generalitate verborum predicta nullatenus contineantur , ita quod vicarius preter seipsum duos habeat capellanos unum apud Byham et alium apud Helewell' et ferat omnia onera ordinaria inveniatque libros et ornamenta , dum tamen defectus in eisdem si quis fuerit reficiet et reparabit . Hoc addito quod memoratum capitulum pro decima agnorum et lane jam collecta vicario dicte ecclesie ad ipsius sustentationem pro anno futuro sexaginta solidos solvere teneatur . Si quid in hujusmodi ordinatione obscurum vel ambiguum aut eidem detrahentium seu adiciendum videatur in futuro , interpretandi et declarandi seu dictam ordinationem minuendi et augendi prout Episcopus aut successoribus suis videbitur expedire potestate specialiter reservata . Deinde idem dominus Episcopus prefatum Gerardum ad dictam vicariam admisit Idibus Junii anno XII apud Ludam et vicarius perpetuus cum onere personaliter ministrandi et continue residendi canonice instituit in eadem . Jurataque Episcopo canonica obediencia in forma consueta , prestitoque a dicto Gerardo juramento de continue residendo in vicaria predicta , Scriptum fuit Officiali Archidiaconi Lincoln' quod ipsum Gerardum corporalem possessionem dicte vicarie habere faceret in forma predicta.

MARKET DEEPING (Deping Sancti Guthlaci). R. Note that Master John of Burton, pr., appeared before the Bishop with letters containing evidence of the death of Richard son of Sir Angelus Gymund de Pelle Ovibus, canon of Sant' Angelo and Rector of Market Deeping, who had died at Sant' Angelo on March 27, 1291. Master John also produced a bull providing him to the church of Market Deeping and a letter from Archbishop Peckham authorising his induction. Bishop Sutton accepted these documents and Master John swore canonical obedience to him at Sleaford, May 26, 1291.

Memorandum quod VI kalendas Julii anno domini M.CC. nonagesimo primo apud Lafford' venit Magister Johannes de Burton' presbiter et exhibuit quoddam instrumentum puplicum in quo continebatur quod Ricardus³ domini Angeli Gymundi de Pelle

¹ Marginal note in another hand *ordinatio vicarie*.

² Underlined.

³ Sic. "Filius" apparently omitted in the text.

ovibus , canonicus ecclesie Sancti Angeli in foro piscium de Urbe ac rector ecclesie Sancti Guthlaci de Deping decesserat in dicta ecclesia Sancti Angeli die Sabbati vicesima quarta mensis Martii proximi precedentis , exhibuit etiam quamdam bullam sub filo serico bullatam de collatione dicte ecclesie de Deping Sancti Guthlaci sibi facta per dominum papam ratione vacationis ejusdem ecclesie in Curia Romana , exhibuit etiam litteras domini Archiepiscopi Cantuar' Johannis executorias super collatione hujusmodi a sede apostolica deputati de inductione ipsius magistri Johannis in corporalem dicte ecclesie de Deping possessionem auctoritate sedis apostolice supradicte . Quibus quidem omnibus diligenter inspectis , quia omnia pro dicto Magistro Johanne satis clara videbantur , idem Magister Johannes juravit statim Episcopo et Officialibus suis canonica obediencia et recessit.

BURTON PEDWARDINE (Burton' juxta Lafford'). V. John of Rasen (Rasen'), ch., p. by the A. and C. of Crowland to the church of Burton Pedwardine vacant because Master John had been provided to the church of Market Deeping. Inst., Spaldwick, June 13, 1291.

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SOUTH HYKEHAM (Suthikham). R. Master John of Deeping, clerk in minor orders, p. by the A. and C. of Bourne to the church of South Hykeham vacant by the death of William of Foston. Ordained subd. and inst. at Grantham, September 22, 1291, and had letters patent.

DUNSBY BY BOURNE (Dunsby). R. Master Robert of Dunsby, clerk in minor orders, p. by the A. and C. of Bourne to the church of Dunsby vacant by the death of Robert of Stamford (Staunford'). Ordained subd. and inst. at Grantham, September 22, 1291.

CASTLE CARLTON (Castelcarleton'). R. William of Authorpe (Aghthorp'), clerk in minor orders, p. by William, Bishop of Lincoln,¹ as guardian of John son and heir of Sir John of Merriott (Miriet), knight, to the church of Castle Carlton vacant by the res. of Henry of Tansor (Tanneshovere). Ordained subd. and inst. at Grantham, September 22, 1291.

HAUGH (Hagh'). V. Walter of Carlton (Carleton'), ch., p. by the Prioress and Convent of Greenfield to the vicarage of Haugh vacant by the death of John. Inst., Nettleham, September 29, 1291.

¹ The text is perfectly clear as it stands but John de Scalleby's meaning is uncertain. The Merriotts held Castle Carlton from the family of de la Hay, but in 1287 Philip d'Aubeney had presented as guardian of the lands and heir of John Merriott. See p. 100.

BURTON COGGLES (Birton). R. Master Richard of Needham (Nedham), pr., p. by the P. and C. of Barnwell to the church of Burton Coggles vacant by the death of Master Hugh of Hulme (Hulmo). Inst., Nettleham, September 29, 1291, after he had produced a papal dispensation for holding in plurality. This dispensation, dated at Orvieto, June 7, 1291, is given in full.

Magister Ricardus de Nedham presbiter presentatus per Priorem et Conventum de Bernewell' ad ecclesiam de Birton vacantem per mortem Magistri Hugonis de Hulma ultimi rectoris ejusdem , facta prius inquisitione per Officialem Archidiaconi Lincoln' per quam etc , cum idem Magister Ricardus esset pluraliter beneficiatus ad dictam ecclesiam virtute dispensationis sibi a sede apostolica concessa cujus tenor inferius continetur est admissus III kalendas Octobris anno XII apud Nettelham et rector canonice institutus in eadem . Jurataque Episcopo canonica obediencia in forma consueta , scriptum est dicto officiali quod , etc . Sequitur dispensatio:—Urbanus episcopus servus servorum dei dilecto filio Magistro Ricardo de Nedham rectori ecclesie de Carleton' Elien' diocesis salutem et apostolicam benedictionem . Licet ne quis plures ecclesias vel ecclesiasticas dignitates habere sacri concilii constitutio interdicat , illos tamen nonnunquam apostolica sedes ampliori prosequitur gracia quos novit potentioribus meritis adjuvari . Hinc est quod nos attendentes tue probitatis merita de quibus laudabile tibi testimonium perhibetur a multis , ac per hoc volentes tibi grariam facere specialem , ut preter ecclesiam de Carleton' Elyen' diocesis curam animarum habentem quam optines , liceat tibi ecclesiastica beneficia , personatus , vel dignitates , etiam cum animarum cura usque ad summam centum librarum sterlingorum , ita videlicet quod eorum proventus secundum communem estimationem patrie annuatim summam hujusmodi non excedant , libere recipere si tibi canonice offerantur , ac una cum dicta ecclesia licite retinere non obstante constitutione predicta tecum auctoritate apostolica dispensamus . Proviso quod beneficia , personatus vel dignitates hujusmodi debitis non fraudentur obsequiis et animarum cura in eis nullatenus negligatur . Nulli ergo omnino hominum liceat hanc paginam nostre dispensationis infringere vel ei ausu temerario contraire . Si quis autem hoc attemptare presumpserit , indignationem omnipotentis dei et beatorum Petri et Pauli apostolorum ejus se noverit incursum . Datum apud Urbem Veterem , VII idus Junii pontificatus nostri anno tertio.

STOW NEAR THRECKINGHAM (Stowe). V. William of ? Ringdon (Ringedon'), ch, p. by the P. and C. of Sempringham to the vicarage of Stow vacant by the death of Peter. Inst., Nettleham, October 1, 1291.

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FRISKNEY (Freskeneye). V. Walter of Winthorpe (Wynthorp'), ch., p. by the P. and C. of Bullington to the vicarage of Friskney vacant by the death of John. Inst., Nettleham, October 2, 1291.

HORBLING (Horbeling). V. William of ? Ringdon (Ringedon'), d., p. by the P. and C. of Sempringham to the vicarage of Horbling vacant by the death of Master Hugh. Inst., Theydon, October 28, 1291.

BOURNE ABBEY (Brunne). Note that Thomas of Colsterworth appeared before Bishop Sutton at Theydon on November 3, 1291, for confirmation of his election as Abbot of Bourne in succession to Alan de Wauz who had died. Licence to elect had been obtained from John Wake. The Bishop declared the election invalid on grounds of incorrect procedure and deprived the electors of their power to choose an Abbot upon this occasion. He then instituted the said Thomas upon his own responsibility and gave him the episcopal blessing on November 4, 1291.

Vacante monasterio de Brunne per mortem Alani de Wauz ultimi Abbatis ejusdem, fratreque Thoma de Colstrwrth' canonico monasterii ejusdem in Abbatem ipsius per viam scrutinii ut dicebatur electo, petita prius a Johanne Wak' patrono domus de Brunne eligendi licencia et obtenta, demum processu electionis hujusmodi III nonas Novembris anno XII apud Theyden pro ipsius confirmatione habenda Episcopo presentato, et ad ejus probationem duobus canonicis dicte domus in testes productis et examinatis, quia Episcopus tam ex dictis ipsorum quam ex serie decreti super processu hujusmodi compositi et exhibiti coram eo evidenter invenit, electionem predictam propter multiplicem defectum circa formam seu viam scrutinii supradictam tam in personis scrutinantium quam in publicatione votorum prorsus omissa et nulla collatione secuta, fuisse minus canonice celebratam, electionem eandem non vitio persone ipsius electi, set solum propter culpam eligentium et defectum in processu electionis inventum exigente justitia auctoritate pontificali cassavit, irritavit, ac cassam et irritam nunciavit, eligentes propter culpam et defectum ipsorum potestate eligendi ea vice privando, et providendi dicte domui de Abbate facultatem sibi specialiter reservando. Deinde examinatis conditionibus dicti fratris Thome, quia de fervore religionis, zelo quietis, munditia vite, conversatione honesta ac aliis meritis graciosis invenit eidem laudabile testimonium perhiberi, constituitque sibi per dicta testium predictorum omnes de conventu domus prescripte uno excepto in eundem fratrem Thomam unanimiter et concorditer consensisse, ipsum fratrem

Thomam in Abbatem domus ejusdem jure ad eum taliter devoluto propter culpam et defectum eligentium predictorum auctoritate pontificali prefecit, curam et administrationem monasterii ipsius sibi plenius committendo. Jurataque per dictum fratrem Thomam Episcopo et Officialibus suis canonica obediencia in forma consueta, die sequente scilicet II Nonas Novembris loco quo prius recepit ab Episcopo benedictionem solempnem. Et super hoc scriptum fuit Officiali . . . ¹ Archidiaconi Lincoln' quod id quod suum foret circa ipsius installationem, etc, et quod injungeret, etc.

WINTHORPE (Wynthorp'). V. Henry of Prestwold (Prestwald'), ch., p. by the P. and C. of Bullington to the vicarage of Winthorpe vacant by the inst. of Walter to the church of Friskney. Inst., Theydon, November 18, 1291.

COCKERINGTON (Cokerington'). V. Nicholas of Tydd (Tyd'), ch., p. by the P. and C. of Alvingham to the vicarage of S. Leonard's, Cockerington, vacant by the res. of Thomas. Inst. at the Old Temple, London, December 4, 1291.

DEXTHORPE (Drexthorp'). R. William of Farlesthorne (Farlesthorp'), ch., p. by Thomas of Asserby (Assefordeby) to the church of Dexthorpe vacant by the death of Henry. Inst. at the Old Temple, London, December 11, 1291, and had letters patent.

SOUTH FERRIBY Mediety (Feriby). R. Master Robert of Bridlington, clerk in minor orders, p. by the P. and C. of Bridlington to the mediety of the church of South Feriby vacant by the death of John. Ordained subd. and inst. at Wycombe, December 22, 1291, and had letters patent.

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HACEBY (Haseby). R. John of Kirton (Kirketon'), clerk in minor orders, p. by Robert of Kirton to the church of Haceby vacant by the death of Robert² of Threckingham (Trikingham). Ordained subd. and inst. at Wycombe, December 22, 1291, and had letters patent.

FORDINGTON (Forthington'). R. Richard of Billington (Bilingdon'), clerk in minor orders, p. by the A. and C. of Crowland to the church of Fordington vacant by the death of Simon and the res. of John de Cubledik' who was the first person to be presented. Ordained subd. and inst. at Wycombe, December 22, 1291.

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² *Sic.* Previously called Thomas. See p. 85.

BINBROOK (Binnebrok'). R. Master William of Dalton (status not mentioned but apparently in minor orders), p. by the A. and C. of S. Mary's, York, to the church of S. Mary at Binbrook vacant by the death of Master Robert of Stamford. Gilbert de Gaunt of Binbrook presented another candidate, Simon of Threckingham, clerk, whom he afterwards withdrew by letters patent. William was ordained subd. and inst. at Wycombe, December 22, 1291.

Vacante ecclesia beate Marie de Binnebrok' per mortem Magistri Roberti de Staumford' ultimi rectoris ejusdem, Abbas et Conventus beate Marie de Ebor' Magistrum Willelmum de Dalton', et ex adverso Gilbertus de Gaunt de Binnebrok' Simonem de Trikingham clericum ad dictam ecclesiam Episcopo presentarunt. Factisque inquisitionibus ad presentationes predictas per Officiale Archidiaconi Lincoln' ut est moris, demum prefato Gilberto presentationem suam hujusmodi per suas patentes litteras revocante, prefatus Magister Willelmus XI kalendas Januarii anno XII apud Wycumb' in subdiaconatum ordinatus, ad dictam ecclesiam est admissus eisdem die, anno et loco et rector canonice institutus in eadem. Jurataque Episcopo canonica obediencia in forma consueta, scriptum est dicto officiali quod, etc.

STOW NEAR THRECKINGHAM (Stowe). V. Henry of Carlby (Carleby), ch., p. by the P. and C. of Sempringham to the vicarage of Stow vacant because William of ? Ringdon (Ringesdon') had been inst. to the vicarage of Horbling. Inst., Wycombe, January 18, 1292.

THORNTON-LE-MOOR (Thornton' in Mora). R. John of Coddington (Codinton'), ch., p. by Robert son of Sir Gilbert Hansard (Haunsard') to the church of Thornton-le-Moor vacant by the death of Brian. Inst., Fingest, January 28, 1292, and had letters patent.

S. LEONARD'S PRIORY, STAMFORD (Sancti Leonardi extra Staumford'). Note that Ingram of Chatton appeared before the Bishop in the Rectory of Wooburn near Wycombe on February 2, 1292, bearing letters of presentation from the P. and C. of Durham. These letters, which are given in full, presented the said Ingram to the office of custodian of S. Leonard's Priory in succession to Geoffrey of Boston, who had resigned because of illness. (His letter is given in full.) The Bishop appointed Ingram as warden and caused a letter to be written to the Archdeacon of Lincoln similar to that previously written for Geoffrey of Boston. It later appeared that Ingram should take the title of *Prior* and not of *custodian* and provision was made for this. John of Ferriby, Notary Public, witnessed the proceedings.

Vacante prioratu Sancti Leonardi juxta Staumford' per cessionem fratris Galfridi de Sancto Botulpho litteratorie factam et canonice admissam cujus cessionis forma talis existit : — Reverendo patri in Christo domino O. dei gracia Lincoln' Episcopo , devotus filius Galfridus de Sancto Botulpho monachus Dunelmensis quondam custos celle sancti Leonardi juxta Staumford' salutem et debitam cum omni honore obedienciam . Venerabili paternitati vestre per presentes litteras sigillo meo signatas significo me ob gravem corporis infirmitatem regimini domus Sancti Leonardi juxta Staumford' cui aliquando qualitercumque prefui mere cessisse in presencia Prioris et Conventus Dunelm' in capitulo , quam cessionem et dicte celle resignationem a me spontanee factam tenore presentium vobis denuncio , omni qua possum affectione supplicans quatinus in dicte cessionis mee testimonium presentes litteras benigne recipiatis et eandem cessionem una cum resignatione mea ratam et gratam habere velitis . In cujus rei testimonium presentes litteras patentes sigillo meo signatas vobis transmittito . Datum Dunelm' VI idus Januarii anno domini M.CC. nonagesimo primo . Valeat vestra reverenda paternitas semper in domino . — Religiosi viri¹ Prior et Conventus Dunelm' fratrem Ingeramum de Chaton' monachum Dunelm' ad custodiam prioratus predicti presentarunt Episcopo sub hac forma : — Reverendo patri in Christo domino O. dei gracia Lincoln' Episcopo , devoti filii sui R. prior et conventus ecclesie Dunelm' , salutem et debitam cum omni devotione reverenciam . Venerabili paternitati vestre ad custodiam celle nostre domus videlicet Sancti Leonardi juxta Staumford' per resignationem fratris (*Folio* 218.) Galfridi de Sancto Botulpho quondam ejusdem celle custodis vacantem presentamus dilectum fratrem et commonachum nostrum dominum Ingramum² de Chaton' , omni qua possumus affectione vos exorantes quatinus eundem I . ad dicte celle custodiam benigne si placet admittere dignemini , quod vestrum est circa ipsum mediante justicia exequentes , salvis nobis ecclesie Dunelm' libertatibus et ordinis in omnibus disciplina . In cujus rei testimonium presentibus sigillum capituli nostri fecimus apponi . Datum Dunelm' , V idus Januarii , anno domini M.CC. nonagesimo primo . Valeat vestra reverenda paternitas semper in domino . — Qua quidem presentatione una cum resignatione predicta in presencia Episcopi apud Wouburn' juxta Wycumbe IIII nonas Februarii recitata , idem Episcopus statim predicto fratri Ingeramo tam in spiritualibus quam in temporalibus custodiam dicte celle commisit et juram , prestitoque ab eodem fratre ad sancta dei Ewangelia juramento corporali quod Episcopo et Officialibus suis in mandatis canonicis obediret . Scriptum fuit¹ Officiali Archidiaconi Lincoln' sub ea forma que in admissione predicti fratris Galfridi alias scribebatur , que in proximo precedenti quaterno in fine secundi folii ejusdem seriusius

¹ Blank in MS.

² *Sic.*

continetur . Acta fuerunt hec in camera Rectorie de Wouburn' dictis die et anno me Johanne de Feriby Notario puplico tunc presente . Et post ista videbatur quod dictus presentatus debebat admitti et institui tanquam prior et non ut custos , cum nomen prioris sit verbum juris et nomen custodis sonet in facto tantummodo in hoc casu . Icirco alias plenius curetur de forma admissionis.

TOYNTON S. PETER, Mediety (Toynton'). R. Antony of Raithby (Ratheby), ch., p. by Sir John Bek, knight, to the mediety of the church of Toynton S. Peter vacant by the death of Master Peter of Roughton (Rugton'). Inst., Wooburn near Wycombe, February 3, 1292.

BARROWBY (Beruby). R. William of Willoughby (Wiluby), ch., p. by the P. and C. of Eye to the church of Barrowby vacant by the death of Master Roger of Chippenhall (Chebenhale). Inst. at the Old Temple, London, February 18, 1292, and had letters patent.

WASHINGBOROUGH (Quassingburg'). R. Master John Reeve (Prepositi), d., p. by John Duke of Brittany and Earl of Richmond to the church of Washingborough vacant by the death of Peter Marsh (de Marisco). Inst. at the Old Temple, London, February 22, 1292.

EAST TORRINGTON (Tirington'). R. Philip of Tittenley clerk in minor orders, p. by Thomas of Tittenley to the church of East Torrington vacant by the death of Master Jordan of Ingham. Lady Ala of Torrington presented another candidate, but withdrew him by letters patent when it was proved by an inquisition held by the official of the Archdeacon of Lincoln, that the right to present belonged to Thomas in right of his wife Joan, daughter and heiress of Sir Reginald de Jarpenville. Philip was ordained d. and inst. at Wycombe on March 1, 1292, and had letters patent.

Vacante ecclesia de Esttirington' per mortem Magistri Jordani de Ingham ultimi rectoris ejusdem , Thomas de Titteneleye Philippum de Titteneleye clericum ex parte una , et domina Ala de 'Tyrington' quemdam alium clericum ex adverso ad eandem ecclesiam presentarunt , factisque inquisitionibus ad presentationes easdem per Officiale W. Archidiaconi Lincoln' per quas acceptum extitit presentationem ad dictam ecclesiam ad prefatum Thomam ratione Johanne filie et heredis domini Reginaldi de Jerkenville ac uxoris ejusdem Thome pertinere , dicta domina Ala presentationem suam per suam patentem litteram revocavit , propter quod prefatus Philippus post obtentam aliquamdiu ipsius ecclesie custodiam kalendis Martii anno domini M.CC. nonagesimo primo apud

Wycumb' in subdiaconatum ordinatus , ad dictam ecclesiam est admissus eisdem die , anno et loco , et rector canonice institutus in eadem . Jurataque Episcopo canonica obediencia in forma consueta , scriptum est dicto Officiali quod , etc , et habet litteram de institutione patentem.

GAYTON-LE-MARSH (Gayton'). R. Robert of Brundish (Burndish'), clerk in minor orders, p. by the King as guardian of the lands and heir of Sir John de Neville to the church of Gayton Le Marsh, vacant by the death of Hugh of Quixhill (Quikeshill'). Ordained subd. and inst. at Wycombe, March 1, 1292.

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CAYTHORPE (Catthorp'). R. Brunus de Podio, clerk in minor orders, p. by Brother Thomas de La Fenne, vicegerent of the Master of the Templars in England, to the church of Caythorpe vacant by the death of Robert of Walgrave (Waldegrave). Ordained subd. and inst. at Wycombe, March 1, 1292, and had letters patent.

WRAGBY (Wraggeby). R. Alexander¹ of Kirton (Kirketon), ch., p. by Lady Isabel de Ros, Lady of Belvoir (Belvero), to the church of Wragby vacant by the death of Master Roger of Heselton (Heslarton). Inst., Newington in Kent, March 18, 1292.

LUSBY (Lusceby). R. Henry of Oakley (Acle), clerk in minor orders, p. by the A. and C. of Bardney to the church of Lusby vacant by the res. of John of Lincoln. Ordained subd. (by licence of the Bishop of London) and inst. at the Old Temple, London, March 24, 1292.

BENINGTON IN HOLLAND (Benigton'). R. Roger de Sancto Johanne, subd., p. by Lady Joan ? Bohun (de Boune), daughter and heiress of Sir John of Bath (de Bathon'), to the church of Benington in Holland vacant by the death of William of Paris (Parys). Inst., Fingest, April 5, 1292.

LEADENHAM (Ledenham). R. Note that on the death of Master Bartholomew, rector of Leadenham, Thomas of York, bailiff of John Duke of Brittany, p. Master Ralph of Hagley, ch., and that the Prior of Holy Trinity at York, acting as proxy for the A. and C. of Tours, p. Sir Richard of Winchcomb. By a written agreement between the two claimants the right of patronage went to the Duke of Brittany, who changed his mind and p. John son of Richard of Apethorpe, subd. Inst. at the Old Temple, London, April 21, 1292, and had letters patent.

¹ *Sic.* Formerly called Andrew. See p. 144.

Vacante ecclesia de Ledenham per mortem magistri Bartholomei ultimi rectoris ejusdem, Thomas de Ebor' ballivus domini Johannis ducis Brittanie et ad presentandum ad ecclesiam de Ledenham predictam attornatus ipsius ducis specialis Magistrum Radulfum de Haghele capellanum, ac Prior Sancte Trinitatis Ebor', Abbatis et Conventus majoris monasterii Turon' procurator, dominum Ricardum de Wynchecumb' capellanum ex adverso, ad dictam ecclesiam de Ledenham Episcopo presentarunt, factisque inquisitionibus ad presentationes hujusmodi per Officialem W. Archidiaconi Lincoln' per quas, etc, Abbas et Conventus predicti jus patronatus prefate ecclesie juxta formam cujusdam compositionis inter ipsos et dictum ducem inite, eidem duci concesserunt. Deinde Johannes filius Ricardi de Apethorp' subdiaconus ad prefatum ecclesiam de Ledenham per dictum ducem suam voluntatem mutantem presentatus, facta prius inquisitione per Officialem predictum per quam, etc, ad eandem ecclesiam est admissus, XI kalendas Maii anno XII apud Vetus Templum London', et in ea rector canonice institutus. Jurataque Episcopo canonica obediencia in forma consueta, scriptum est dicto Officiali quod, etc, et habet litteram de institutione patentem. Tenor compositionis non habetur.

WELBY (Welleby). R. Edmund Maubank, subd., rep. by William of Stoke (Stok'), prebendary of Grantham Borealis,¹ to the church of Welby vacant because the said Edmund had not been ordained priest within a year of his institution. Inst., Ware, April 23, 1292, and had letters patent.

SEMPRINGHAM (Sempingham). V. John of Folkingham (Folkyngham), ch., p. by the P. and C. of Sempringham to the vicarage of Sempringham vacant because Henry had been inst. to the vicarage of Stow. Inst., Elstow, April 29, 1292.

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DIE SANCTI DUNSTANI VIDELICET QUARTODECIMO KALENDAS JUNII ANNO DOMINI M.CC. NONAGESIMO SECUNDO, INCIPIT ANNUS PONTIFICATUS DOMINI OLIVERI DEI GRACIA EPISCOPI LINCOLN' TERTIUS DECIMUS.

CLAXBY PLUCKACRE (Claxby). R. Nicholas of Sudbrooke (Sudbrok'), clerk in minor orders, p. by the A. and C. of Revesby to the church of Claxby Pluckacre vacant by the death of Master Robert of Scrivelsby (Scrivelby). Ordained subd. and inst. at Lincoln, May 31, 1292.

¹ *Sic; recte Australis.*

WOOLSTHORPE (Wulsthorp'). R. Simon of Threckingham (Trikingham'), clerk in minor orders, p. by Lady Isabel de Ros, Lady of Belvoir (Belvero), to the church of Woolsthorpe vacant because Alexander had been inst. to the church of Wragby. Ordained subd. and inst. at Lincoln, May 31, 1292.

ASGARBY-BY-SLEAFORD (Asgerby). R. Note that on the death of Master Beaumund de Vicia, rector of Asgarby-by-Sleaford, the P. and C. of Kyme p. Master John of Maldon, subd. This presentation was disputed by Master John of Burton, who claimed the living by papal provision. The case went to the Papal Curia and was decided in favour of John of Maldon. A bull on his behalf (dated March 1, 1292) was directed to the Prior of Bicknacre, the Archdeacon of Colchester and Master John de Luco, canon of London, ordering them to see that the said John of Maldon was inducted and received the fruits of his benefice. John of Maldon was accepted at Nettleham, May 30, 1292, and arrangements were made about his receiving the fruits of the benefice. He was ordained d. at Lincoln, May 31, 1292.

Vacante ecclesia de Asgerby per mortem Magistri Beaumundi de Vicia ultimi rectoris ejusdem, Prior et Conventus de Kyma Magistrum Johannem de Maldon' subdiaconum ad eandem ecclesiam Episcopo presentarunt, ita quod inquisitione per Officialem W. Archidiaconi Lincoln' per quam, etc, Magister Johannes de Burton dicti Magistri Johannis de Maldon' admissioni se opposuit dicens se habere jus in dicta ecclesia virtute cujusdam provisionis per sedem apostolicam sibi facte; Inter quos aliquamdiu altercato, demum causa hujusmodi extitit ad sedem apostolicam devoluta. Ubi tum fuisset diutius litigatum, tandem dicta ecclesia prefato Magistro Johanni de Maldon' per diffinitivam sententiam auctoritate dicte sedis fuit adjudicata, idemque Magister Johannes de Maldon' rector institutus extitit in eadem, dicto Magistro Johanne de Burton' imposito perpetuo silencio super ea. Et super hoc scriptum fuit per dominum Nicholaum papam quartum priori de Bykenacre London' diocesis et Archidiacono Colecestr' ac Magistro Johanni de Luco canonico in ecclesia London' sub data kalendarum Martii pontificatus dicti domini pape anno quinto quod est anno domini M.CC. nonagesimo primo. quod ipsi duo aut unus eorum¹ per se aut alios id auctoritate apostolica executioni debite demandarent, inducendo ipsum vel procuratorem suum ejus nomine in corporalem possessionem dicte ecclesie et defendendo inductum¹, amoto ab ea prefato Johanne de Burton' et quolibet alio illicito detentore, quodque facerent dicto J. de Maldon' vel procuratori suo pro eo de fructibus inde perceptis et qui percipi potuerunt a tempore contestationis litis facte in causa predicta satisfactionem debitam

¹ Interlined in the margin.

exhiberi , quod quidem mandatum dicti prior et Magister Johannes de Luco executi fuerunt , executionem super inductione ipsius Magistri Johannis de Maldon' Sacriste de Bykenacr' committentes et Episcopo Lincoln' mandantes quod prefatum Magistrum Johannem de Maldon' prefate ecclesie prout ad ipsum pertinet reputaret rectorem et institutum canonice in eadem , excommunicantes omnes in genere se dicto Magistro Johanni de Maldon' vel procuratori suo super contentis in mandato domini pape predicto vel eorum aliquo opposcentes , seu ipsum Magistrum Johannem vel procuratorem suum ejus nomine in assecutione eorum impediētes publice vel occulte , cujuscumque dignitatis , conditionis existarent sive status . Diem etiam quo facta fuit litis contestatio scilicet diem mercurii undecimum mensis Julii anno domini supradicto specialiter designarunt , prout de hiis omnibus per apostolicas et dictorum executorum litteras III kalendas Junii anno domini M.CC. nonagesimo secundo apud Nettelham per dictum Magistrum Johannem Episcopo exhibitas licuit manifeste . Super quibus omnibus habita per ipsum deliberatione , preceptum fuit Roberto sequestratori tunc presenti , quod fructus autumnuales predictae ecclesie ad tunc extantes , restitueret Magistro Johanni predicto . Et Episcopus eundem Magistrum Johannem tanquam rectorem dicte ecclesie II kalendas Junii proxime sequente apud Lincoln in diaconatum ordinavit.

GUNBY S. PETER (Gunnaby). R. John of Markham, pr., p. by the P. and C. of Buckenham in the diocese of Norwich to the church of Gunby S. Peter vacant by the death of Adam of Oakley. Inst., Stow Park, June 6, 1292, and had letters patent.

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SIXHILLS (Sixil). V. Robert of Rasen, ch., p. by the P. and C. of Sixhills to the vicarage of Sixhills vacant by the death of Richard. Inst., Horncastle, July 18, 1292.

NOCTON PARK PRIORY (Parcus de Nocton'). Note that John of Gelston, cellarer of Nocton, appeared before the Bishop at Stow Park on July 26 for confirmation of his election as Prior of Nocton in succession to Hugh of Grimsby who had resigned in order to join the Franciscans. The Bishop found that the procedure of the election was correct on the whole, and excused some minor slips on account of the ignorance of the electors. The election was confirmed, and a report of the confirmation inserted in the volume of memoranda.

Vacante prioratu de Parco Nocton' per hoc quod frater Hugo de Grimesby ultimus Prior ejusdem habitum Fratrum Minorum susceperat et sigillum officii sui Episcopo cedendo transmiserat ,

exhibitoque Episcopo VII idus Augusti anno XIII apud Parcum Stowe processu electionis per viam compromissi de fratre Johanne de Gevelston' celarario dicte domus facte , ad quem probandum productis testibus eisque juratis et examinatis ac eorum attestationibus publicatis , cum constaret quod dicta electio nullo contradictore apparente in concordia esset facta , cui etiam patronus domus predicte suum prebuerat assensum , quibusdam calumpniis quas forte processus ipse de rigore juris poterat suscepisse propter simplicitatem eligentium de benignitate omissis , Episcopus eandem electionem auctoritate pontificali confirmavit die anno et loco predictis , curam et administrationem spiritualium eidem plenius committendo . Unde jurata canonica obediencia in forma consueta , scriptum fuit . . . Officiali Archidiaconi Lincoln' quod , etc , et quod injungeret , etc . Verba vero confirmationis sunt in quaterno memorandorum.

BEESEY-IN-THE-MARSH (Beseby). R. John¹ vicar of Huttoft, p., presented by the Prioress and Convent of Greenfield to the church of Beesby-in-the-Marsh vacant by the death of Stephen. Inst., Stow Park, August 10, 1292.

LEAKE Mediety. (Lek'). R. Ranulph of Metheringham, ch., p. by Nicholas son and heir of Robert de Grimescroft and by Sir Simon of Kyme and Maud his wife, widow of the said Robert, acting in right of her dower, to the mediety of the church of Leake vacant by the death of Master Clement of Leake who had held it by the presentation of the said Robert. Inst. at Spalding, September 2, 1292, and had letters patent " unde plus in subsequenti folio ad hoc signum " (a hand drawn in the text).²

NEWSTEAD PRIORY NEAR STAMFORD (Novus Locus extra Staumford'). Note that Robert of Stamford, canon of Newstead, appeared before the Bishop at Liddington, September 13, 1292, for confirmation of his election as Prior of Newstead in succession to Thomas of Deeping who had resigned. The Bishop declared the election invalid on grounds of incorrect procedure and deprived the electors of their power to choose a Prior on this occasion. He then instituted Robert upon his own responsibility.

Vacante prioratu de Novo Loco extra Staumford' per cessionem fratris Thome de Deping' ultimi Prioris ejusdem in manibus Episcopi factam et canonice admissam , fratreque Roberto de Staumford' canonico domus ejusdem in ipsius Priorem per viam scrutinii ut dicebatur electo , nulla petita eligendi licencia quia eam petere ut asserunt dicti domus canonici non tenentur , set post electionem celebratam solum requirere consensum patroni , demum processu

¹ His name was John of Theddlethorpe.

² See pp. 171-3.

electionis hujusmodi idibus Septembris anno XIII pro ipsius confirmatione habenda apud Lidington' Episcopo presentato , et ad ejus probationem duobus canonicis dicte domus in testes productis , juratis et examinatis , quia Episcopus per depositiones eorum invenit quod post publicatione votorum solius numeri ad numerum collatio facta fuit , licet duo fuissent in scrutinio nominati , quodque nulla electio facta extitit in communi , eandem electionem tanquam contra formam canonum acceptatam pronunciavit penitus esse nullam , eligentes propter culpam suam eligendi ea vice potestate privando , sibi que providendi dicte domui de priore facultatem specialiter reservando . Deinde examinata persona fratris Roberti predicti , quia invenit de conversatione et moribus laudabile sibi testimonium perhiberi , omnesque confratres suos in eum ut esset eorum prior sua vota direxisse unanimiter suo modo , eundem fratrem Robertum in priorem loci ejusdem jura ad eum devoluto auctoritate pontificali prefecit , curam et administrationem dicte domus in spiritualibus et temporalibus eidem plenius committendo . Jurataque per dictum fratrem Robertum Episcopo et Officialibus suis canonica obediencia in forma consueta , scriptum fuit Archidiacono Lincoln' quod id quod suum foret circa ipsius prioris installationem exequeretur cum gracia et favore , et quod injungeret , etc.

GREAT HALE (Hale). R. William of Riby, pr., p. by the A. and C. of Bardney to the church of Great Hale vacant by the death of Master Nicholas of S. Quentin. The right of presentation was disputed by Sir Gilbert de Gaunt and Sir John Dive, knights, who presented other candidates. The disputes went to the King's court and writs of darrein presentment (given in full) dated at Westminster, February 12, 1292, and at Lincoln, March 2, 1292, directed the Bishop to accept the Abbot of Bardney's candidate. William was given custody of the church for a period up to six months, according to the decree of the Council of Lyons. At Banbury, on October 2, 1292, he was inst. in the person of Master Robert of Hotham his proctor, and had letters patent.

Vacante ecclesia de Hale per mortem Magistri Nicholai de Sancto Quintino ultimi rectoris ejusdem , Abbas et Conventus de Bardeneye Willelmum de Ryby presbiterum ex una parte , ac dominus Gilbertus de Gaunt et dominus Johannes (*Folio 220.*) Dive milites alios clericos ex adverso ad eandem ecclesiam de Hale Episcopo presentarunt , factisque inquisitionibus ad presentationes hujusmodi per quas , etc , altercatoque aliquamdiu in Curia regia inter presentantes predictos , demum exhibita fuerunt Episcopo duo brevia regia sub hac forma : — E. etc . Sciatis quod cum Abbas de Bardeneye in curia nostra coram justiciariis nostris apud Westmonasterium arramiasset assisam ultime presentationis versus

Gilbertum de Gaunt de ecclesia de Magna Hale que vacat , ut dicitur , idem Gilbertus venit in eadem curia nostra et concessit predicto Abbati presentationem suam ad predictam ecclesiam hac vice , salvo sibi jure suo cum alias inde loqui voluerit . Et ideo vobis mandamus , quod non obstante reclamacione predicti Gilberti , ad presentationem predicti Abbatis ad predictam ecclesiam personam ydoneam admittatis . Teste J. de Metyngham apud Westmonasterium XII die Februarii anno regni nostri XX. — Item , E. etc . Sciatis quod cum Abbas de Bardeneye arramiasset coram dilectis et fidelibus nostris Roberto de Hertford' et Philippo de Kyme per breve nostrum quamdam assisam ultime presentationis versus Johannem Dyve de ecclesia Magna Hale que vacat et ad suam spectat donationem , idem Johannes venit in curia nostra coram prefatis justiciariis nostris apud Lincoln' et dixit se nihil habere nec aliquid clamare in advocacione predicte ecclesie . Et ideo vobis mandamus quod non obstante reclamacione predicti Johannis ydoneam personam ad presentationem predicti Abbatis ad prefatam ecclesiam admittatis . Teste R. de Hertford' apud Lincoln' , II die Martii anno regni nostri XX. — Quibus quidem brevibus intellectis , dictus Episcopus prefatam ecclesiam de Hale predicto Willelmo usque ad sex menses secundum formam ultimi concilii Lugdun' certa de causa commendavit . Postmodum vero hujusmodi tempore semestri durante , dictus Willelmus ad prefatam ecclesiam de Hale est admissus in persona Magistri Roberti de Holtham clerici procuratoris sui , VI nonas Octobris anno XIII apud Bannebir' et rector canonice institutus in eadem . Jurataque Episcopo canonica obediencia in forma consueta , scriptum est Archidiacono Lincoln' vel ejus Officiali per quem prius fuerat inquisitum , quod prefatum Willelmum corporalem possessionem dicte ecclesie quam prius habuit ratione commende predicte permetteret continuare . Et habet litteram de institutione patentem.

HUTTOFT (Hotoft). V. Simon of Firsby (Friseby), ch., p. by the P. and C. of Markby to the vicarage of Huttoft vacant by the institution of John of Theddlethorpe (Thedelthorp') to the church of Beesby. Inst., Spaldwick, October 16, 1292.

DUNSBY-BY-BRAUNCEWELL (Dunnesby). R. Stephen of Pointon (Poynton), d., rep. by the P. and C. of Catley to the church of Dunsby vacant because the said Stephen had failed to be ordained priest within a year of institution. Inst., Spaldwick, October 28, 1292, and had letters patent.

LEAKE Mediety¹ (Lek'). R. Note that when Ranulph of Metheringham² was presented by Sir Simon of Kyme and Maud his wife,

¹ Drawing of a hand in the margin.

² See p. 169.

in right of the dower of the said Maud, to the other mediety of the church of Leake the presentation was disputed by Thomas of Rigsby, Simon and Walter his brothers, and Amice their mother, who presented Hugh of Harrington to the same mediety. The position was complicated by the fact that John son of Ralph de Hauley of Covenham presented first John son of Alan of Hungate and then William of Saleby to the fourth part of the church of Leake. (It appears by the writs that John Flory, husband of Amice, and a certain Richard Bacun were also involved.) The cases went to the King's court. Two writs dated at Westminster on November 2, 1292, confirmed the rights of Sir Simon and Maud against John Flory and Amice, Thomas of Rigsby and Simon and Walter his brothers. A further writ, dated at Westminster on November 24, 1292, again confirmed the rights of Sir Simon and Maud on the grounds that John Flory and Amice had defaulted. Another writ dated at Westminster on November 2, 1292, confirmed the rights of Sir Simon and Maud against John de Hauley of Covenham and Richard Bacun. Ranulph of Metheringham was therefore instituted to the whole of the church of Leake at Spaldwick on November 28, 1292, and had letters patent. All the writs are given in full.

Deinde prefato Ranulpho per dominum Simonem de Kyme predictum et Matildem uxorem suam ratione juris ejusdem Matildis ad aliam medietatem dicte ecclesie de Lek' presentato, Thomas de Riggesby, Simon et Walterus fratres ejus et Amicia mater eorum ad eandem medietatem Hugonem de Harington', necnon Johannes filius Radulfi de Hauley de Covenham Johannem filium Alani de Hundegate primo et postmodum Willelmum de Saleby ad quartam partem ipsius ecclesie ex adverso, episcopo presentarunt factisque inquisitionibus per Officialem W. Archidiaconi Lincoln' ad presentationes singulas ut est moris, litigatoque aliquamdiu in curia domini Regis inter hujusmodi presentantes, demum exhibita fuerunt episcopo diversa brevia regia sub hiis formis: — E. etc, Sciatis quod Simon de Kyme et Matildis uxor ejus in curia nostra coram justiciariis nostris apud Westmonasterium per considerationem ejusdem Curie nostre recuperaverunt presentationem suam ad medietatem ecclesie beate Marie de Lek' in Hoyland' versus Thomam de Riggesby, Simonem, Walterum fratres ejusdem Thome, Johannem Flory et Amiciam uxorem ejus. Et ideo vobis mandamus quod non obstante reclamacione predictorum Thome, Simonis, Walteri, Johannis et Amicie, ad presentationem predictorum Simonis de Kyme et Matildis ad predictam medietatem idoneam personam admittatis. Teste J. de Metyngham apud Westmonasterium II die Novembris anno regni nostri vicesimo. — (*Folio 220v.*) Item, E. etc. Sciatis quod cum Johannes Flory de Riggesby et Amicia uxor ejus in curia nostra coram justiciariis nostris

apud Westmonasterium summoniti essent ad respondendum Symoni de Kyne et Matildi uxori ejus de placito quod permittant ipsos presentare idoneam personam ad medietatem ecclesie beate Marie de Leyk' in Hoyland' que vacat et ad suam spectat donationem ut dicunt, iidem Johannes et Amicia in eadem curia nostra fecerunt defaultam, ob quam consideratum fuit in eadem curia nostra quod predicti Simon et Matildis recuperarent presentationem suam ad predictam medietatem predictae ecclesie versus eos per defaultam ipsorum Johannis et Amicie. Et ideo vobis mandamus quod non obstante reclamacione predictorum Johannis et Amicie, ad presentationem ipsorum Simonis et Matildis ad predictam medietatem ecclesie predictae idoneam personam admittatis. Teste J. de Metyngham apud Westmonasterium XXIII die Novembris anno regni nostri vicesimo primo. — Item, E. etc. Sciatis quod Simon de Kyne et Matildis uxor ejus in curia nostra coram justiciariis nostris apud Westmonasterium per considerationem ejusdem Curie nostre recuperaverunt presentationem suam ad medietatem ecclesie beate Marie de Lek' versus Thomam de Riggesby, Simonem et Walterum fratres ejusdem Thome. Et ideo vobis mandamus quod non obstante presentationem predictorum Simonis de Kyne et Matildis ad predictam medietatem idoneam personam admittatis. Teste J. de Metyngham apud Westmonasterium, II die Novembris anno regni nostri vicesimo. — Item, E. etc. Sciatis quod cum Johannes de Haule de Covenham et Ricardus Bacun in curia nostra coram justiciariis nostris apud Westmonasterium summoniti essent ad respondendum Simoni de Kyne et Matildi uxori ejus de placito quod permittant ipsos presentare idoneam personam ad medietatem ecclesie beate Marie de Lek' in Holand', iidem Johannes et Ricardus venerunt in eadem curia nostra et concesserunt predictis Simoni et Matildi presentationem suam ad predictam medietatem hac vice. Et ideo vobis mandamus quod non obstante reclamacionem predictorum Johannis et Ricardi ad presentationem predictorum Simonis et Matildis ad predictam medietatem idoneam personam admittatis. Teste J. de Metyngham apud Westmonasterium, II die Novembris, anno regni nostri vicesimo. — Unde predictus Ranulphus ad predictam medietatem et per consequens ad ipsam ecclesiam integraliter est admissus, IIII kalendas Decembris anno XIII apud Spaldewyk' et Rector canonice institutus in eadem. Jurataque Episcopo canonica obediencia in forma consueta, scriptum est dicto Archidiacono Lincoln' quod, etc., et habet litteram de institutione patentem.

SOUTH WITHAM Mediety (Suthwyme). R. Gilbert Heath (de Brueria), clerk in minor orders, p. by Brother Guy Forest (de Foresta), Master of the Templars in England, to the mediety of the church of South Witham vacant by the death of Robert of

Holcot (Holecote). Ordained subd. and inst. at Dorchester, December 20, 1292.

LEASINGHAM Mediety (Levesingham). R. Roger of Threckingham (Trikingham), clerk in minor orders, p. by David of Flitwick (Fletwyk) to the mediety of the church of Leasingham vacant by the death of Bertrand. Ordained subd. and inst. at Dorchester, December 20, 1292.

BURGH-ON-BAIN (Burg' super Bayn). V. John of Girsby (Griseby), ch., p. by the Prioress and Convent of Nun Coton to the vicarage of Burgh-on-Bain vacant by the death of Adam of Mablethorpe (Malberthorp'). Inst., Dorchester, December 20, 1292.

HECKINGTON (Hekynton'). R. Simon of Baston (Baston'), ch., p. by the A. and C. of Bardney to the church of Heckington vacant because William of Riby (Ryby) had been instituted to the church of Great Hale. Inst., Fingest, January 9, 1293, and had letters patent.

SCARTHOU (Scarthou). R. Walter Le Savage, priest, p. by King Edward to the church of Scarthou vacant by the res. of William of Warminster (Wereministr'). Inst., Fingest, January 9, 1293, and had letters patent.

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CALCEBY (Calseby). V. William of Hundleby (Hundelby), ch., p. by the P. and C. of Kyme to the vicarage of Calceby vacant by the death of William of Winthorpe (Wynpthorp'). Inst. at the Old Temple, London, February 20, 1293.

WELBY (Welleby). R. Walter of Bonneville (Bonevill'), clerk in minor orders, p. by William of Stoke (Stok'), prebendary of Grantham Australis, to the church of Welby vacant by the res. of Edmund Maubank'. Ordained subd. (by licence of the Bishop of London) and inst. at the Old Temple, London, February 21, 1293.

BURWELL PRIORY (Burwell'). Brother Peter Pelata, p. by the A. and C. of the Abbey of La Sauve Majeure (Sancte Marie et Sancti Geraldii Silve Majoris) in the diocese of Bordeaux to the Priory of Burwell vacant by the death of Brother Amfred. Inst. at the Old Temple, London, April 15, 1293.

TOFT NEXT NEWTON (Toft). R. Note that when the church of Toft fell vacant by the res. of Master Bertand of ? Cowdray, the P. and C. of Sixhills presented Peter of ? Cowdray, priest, and were opposed by King Edward who presented Robert of Harton.

priest. The case went to the King's court. Judgement was given on behalf of the Prior, but he abandoned Peter (who resigned his claim) and himself presented the King's candidate Robert of Harton. Robert had custody of the church for a period, according to the decree of the Council of Lyons, and was finally inst. at London, April 26, 1293, and had letters patent.

Vacante ecclesia de Toft per resignationem Magistri Bertrandi de Codreyo ultimi rectoris ejusdem litteratorie factam, Priori et Conventus de Sixil Petrum de Codreyo presbiterum primo et postmodum dominus E. dei gracia Rex Anglie Robertum de Harton' presbiterum ex adverso ad eandem ecclesiam presentarunt. Ad quos quidem presentationes factis inquisitionibus per Officialem Archidiaconi Lincoln' ut est moris, litigatoque aliquamdiu super jure patronatus dicte ecclesie in curia regis inter dominum Regem ac Priorem et Conventum predictos, demum iidem prior et conventus jus patronatus hujusmodi evicerunt, et prefatum Robertum de Harton' ad prefatam ecclesiam presentarunt, factaque inquisitione per Officialem Archidiaconi memorati, exhibito etiam brevi regio de judicio reddito pro priore et conventu predictis, exhibita insuper littera patenti prefati Petri resignatoria juris sibi competentis ad ecclesiam de Toft' predictam ratione presentationis predictae de ipso facto ad eandem¹, idem Robertus¹ ad ipsam ecclesiam post obtentam aliquamdiu ipsius comendam secundum formam ultimi concilii Lugdun', est admissus, et rector VI kalendas Maii anno XIII London' in ea canonice institutus. Jurataque Episcopo canonica obediencia in forma consueta, scriptum est dicto Archidiacono vel ejus Officiali quod, etc, et habet litteram de institutione patentem.

BINBROOK (Binnebrok'). R. Master William of Dalton, subd., rep. by the A. and C. of S. Mary's, York, to the church of S. Mary at Binbrook vacant because the said William had not been ordained priest within a year of his institution. Inst. at the Old Temple, London, April 29, 1293, and had letters patent.

S. LEONARD'S PRIORY, STAMFORD (S. Leonardi juxta Staumford'). Geoffrey of Boston, monk of Durham, p. by the P. and C. of Durham (whose letter is given in full) to be custodian of S. Leonard's in succession to Ingram of Chatton, who had resigned because of illness. (His letter of res. is given in full.) Inst. as custodian at the Old Temple, London, April 29, 1293.

Vacante domo S. Leonardi juxta Staumford' per resignationem Ingerami de Chatton qui ultimo domum regebat eandem litteratorie factam et canonice admissam, cujus resignationis tenor est talis: — Venerabili patri in Christo domino O. dei gracia Episcopo Lincoln'

¹ Interlined in the margin.

frater Ingeramus de Chatton' quondam custos domus Sancti Leonardi juxta Staumford' salutem et debitam tanto patri reverenciam et honorem . Vestre significo paternitati reverende me ob adversam corporis valitudinem regimini domus de Staumford' cujus curam ex injuncta mihi obediencia per aliquod tempus gessi , in capitulo Dunelm' in presencia prioris et conventus ejusdem (*Folio* 221v.) mere et absolute cessisse , propter quod vestram celsitudinem suppliciter deprecor et requiro quatinus cessionem meam sive resignationem ob causam predictam spontanee a me factam benignius admittentes , eam ratam et gratam habere velitis . In cujus rei testimonium sigillum meum presentibus est appensum . Datum Dunelm' II kalendas Aprilis anno domini MCC. nonagesimo tertio : — Religiosi viri¹ Prior et Conventus Dunelm' fratrem Galfridum de Sancto Botulpho commonachum suum presentarunt Episcopo sub hac forma : — Venerabili in Christo patri domino¹ dei gracia Episcopo Lincoln' , devoti filii R. prior et conventus ecclesie Dunelm' salutem et debitam cum omni devotione reverenciam et honorem . Ad custodiam domus Sancti Leonardi juxta Staumford' per cessionem et resignationem fratris Ingerami de Chatton' quondam ejusdem celle custodis vacantem , dilectum fratrem et commonachum nostrum dominum Galfridum de Sancto Botulpho venerabili paternitati vestre tenore presentium presentamus , vestre celsitudini humiliter supplicantes quatinus ad dicte celle custodiam eundem G. admittere dignemini liberaliter et benigne . Salvis nobis ecclesie Dunelm' libertatibus et ordinis in omnibus disciplina . In quorum omnium testimonium sigillum commune capituli nostri presentibus est appensum . Datum Dunelm' XI kalendas Maii anno domini M.CC. nonagesimo tertio . — Qua quidem presentatione una cum resignatione predicta II kalendas Maii anno domini predicto apud Vetus Templum London' in presencia episcopi recitata , idem Episcopus statim prefatum fratrem Galfridum ad dictam domus admisit et canonice instituit in eadem , curam et administrationem in spiritualibus et temporalibus domus ejusdem sibi plenius committendo . Jurataque per eum Episcopo et Officialibus suis obediencia canonica in forma consueta . Scriptum fuit Archidiacono Lincoln' vel ejus Officiali quod corporalem possessionem etc , et quod injungeret , etc.

ORBY (Orreby). V. Thomas of Lincoln, pr., p. by the P. and C. of Thornholm to the vicarage of Orby vacant by the death of John. Inst. at the Old Temple, London, May 7, 1293.

NORTH THORESBY. R. Laurence of Clifford, ch., p. by Henry de Lacy (Lascy) Earl of Lincoln to the church of North Thoresby vacant by the death of Robert. Inst. at the Old Temple, London, May 12, 1293, and had letters patent.

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DIE SANCTI DUNSTANI VIDELICET QUARTODECIMO KALENDAS JUNII ANNO DOMINI M.CC. NONAGESIMO TERTIO, INCIPIT ANNUS PONTIFICATUS DOMINI OLIVERI LINCOLN' EPISCOPI QUARTUS DECIMUS.

CAREBY. R. William of Gunness (Gunneys), clerk in minor orders, p. by Sir John Wake, knight, by reason of the custody of the lands and tenements of Supir of Bayeux (Baiois) to the church of Careby vacant by the death of William. Ordained subd. (by licence of the Bishop of London) and inst. at the Old Temple, London, May 23, 1293, and had letters patent.

HUNDLEBY (Hundelby). V. Gilbert of Keddington (Kedington'), subd., p. by the Prioress and Convent of Stixwould to the vicarage of Hundleby vacant by the death of Alan. Ordained d. (by licence of the Bishop of London) and inst. at the Old Temple, London, May 23, 1293.

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BELCHFORD Mediety (Beltesford'). R. John of Aylesbury (Eylesbir'), subd., rep. by the P. and C. of Trentham to the mediety of the church of Belchford vacant because the said John had not been ordained priest within a year of his institution. Inst. at the Old Temple, London, June 16, 1293.

CAYTHORPE (Catthorp'). R. Brunus de Podio, subd., rep. by Brother Guy Forest (de Foresta), Master of the Templars in England, to the church of Caythorpe vacant because the said Brunus had not been ordained priest within a year of his institution. Inst. at the Old Temple, London, June 16, 1293.

SWINESHEAD CHAPEL (Swynesheved'). Master Reginald of Wakerley (Wakerle), acolyte, p. by Lady Avise de Grelle to the chapel of Swineshead, without cure of souls, vacant by the death of Richard of Stamford (Staumford'). Inst., Dorchester, June 29, 1293.

STANTON-BY-LANGWORTH (Staynton). R. John of S. Ives, clerk in minor orders, p. by Adam de Normanville to the church of Stantion-by-Langworth vacant by the death of Peter. The presentation was disputed by Robert de La Doune, rector of South Willingham (also called Robert of Benniworth), who presented Master Thomas of Benniworth, clerk. The case went to the King's court. A judgment following on an assize of darrein presentment (given in full) directed the Bishop to accept Adam's candidate, and John of S. Ives, after having custody of the church for a time, was ordained subd. and inst. at Lincoln, September 19, 1293.

Vacante ecclesia de Staynton' juxta Langwath' per mortem Petri ultimi rectoris ejusdem , Robertus de Benigwrth' Magistrum Thomam de Benigwrth' clericum , et Adam de Normanville Johannem de Sancto Ivone ex adverso , ad eandem ecclesiam presentarunt , ad quas quidem presentationes factis inquisitionibus per W. Archidiaconum Lincoln' per quas , etc , litigatoque aliquamdiu in Curia domini Regis inter hujusmodi presentantes , demum exhibitum fuit Episcopo breve regium sub hac forma : — Edwardus dei gracia Rex Anglie dominus Hybernie et dux Aquitanie venerabili in Christo patri O. eadem gracia Episcopo Lincoln' salutem . Sciatis quod cum Adam de Normanvill' in curia nostra coram justitiariis nostris apud Westmonasterium arramiasset assisam ultime presentationis versus Robertum de La Doune personam ecclesie de Wolingham de ecclesia de Staynton' juxta Langwath' que vacat ut dicitur , idem Robertus venit in curia nostra et recognovit advocationem predictae ecclesie esse jus ipsius Ade et illam remisit et quietum clamavit de se et heredibus suis predicto Ade et heredibus suis in perpetuum . Et ideo vobis mandamus quod non obstante reclamatione predicti Roberti , ad presentationem predicti Ade ad predictam ecclesiam idoneam personam admittatis . Teste J. de Metingham apud Westmonasterium quarto die Junii anno regni nostri vicesimo primo . — Unde dictus Johannes de Sancto Ivone XIII kalendas Octobris anno XIIIII apud Lincoln' in subdiaconatum ordinatus , ad dictam ecclesiam post optentam aliquamdiu ipsius custodiam est admissus eisdem die , anno et loco , et rector canonice institutus in eadem . Jurataque Episcopo canonica obediencia in forma consueta , scriptum est . .¹ Archidiacono Lincoln' vel ejus Officiali quod , etc.

BOURNE (Brunne). V. John of Wormington (Wermington'), ch., p. by the A. and C. of Bourne to the vicarage of Bourne vacant by the death of William of Haconby (Hacumby). Inst., Sleaford, September 22, 1293.

WELLOW ABBEY (Wellehou juxta Grimesby). Note that William of Croxby appeared before the Bishop on September 20, 1293, for confirmation of his election as Abbot of Wellow in succession to Simon who had died. Licence to elect had been obtained from the King. The Bishop found the election satisfactory and confirmed it at Mere, September 21, 1293. William received the solemn episcopal benediction at Biggleswade, October 4, 1293.

Vacante monasterio de Wellehou extra Grimesby per mortem fratris Simonis Abbatis ejusdem , fratreque Willelmo de Croxby canonico domus ejusdem in Abbatem ipsius electo , petita prius a domino Rege patrono domus eligendi licencia et optenta , demum

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processu hujusmodi electionis pro ipsius confirmatione (*Folio* 222v.) habenda XII kalendas Octobris anno domini M.CC. nonagesimo tertio Episcopo presentato , et ad ipsius probationem duobus canonicis dicte domus in testes productis , juratis et examinatis , eorumque dictis in scriptis redactis et postmodum pupplicatis , quia Episcopus electionem hujusmodi de persona idonea invenit concorditer celebratam , ipsam XI kalendas Octobris anno predicto apud Mere auctoritate pontificali confirmavit , curam et administrationem dicti monasterii tam in spiritualibus quam in temporalibus quantum ad ipsum pertinebat eidem plenius committendo . Jurataque per dictum fratrem Willelmum Episcopo et Officialibus suis canonica obediencia in forma consueta scriptum fuit domino Regi , quod id quod ad ipsum pertinet ulterius in hac parte precipere fieri dignaretur in forma consueta . Postmodum IIII nonas Octobris anno supradicto apud Bykkeswad' recepit idem Abbas benedictionem pontificalem , et preficebatur secundum formam contentam in libro qui dicitur pontificalis . Et scriptum fuit Archidiacono Lincoln' vel ejus Officiali quod id quod suum foret circa installationem predicti Abbatis etc , et quod injungeret , etc.

KYME PRIORY (Prefectio Prioris de Kyme). Note that Walter of Harby appeared before the Bishop on September 23, 1293, for confirmation of his election as Prior of Kyme in succession to Arnald who had resigned. Licence to elect had been obtained from Sir Philip of Kyme. The Bishop declared the election invalid on the grounds of incorrect procedure, and deprived the electors of their power to choose a Prior on this occasion. He then appointed Walter upon his own responsibility at Gosberton, September 24, 1293.

Vacante prioratu de Kyme per cessionem fratris Arnaldi ultimi Prioris ejusdem , fratreque Waltero de Herdeby canonico ipsius prioratus in Priorem ejusdem per viam compromissi electo , petita prius a domino Philippo de Kyme patrono domus eligendi licencia et optenta , demum processu hujusmodi electionis pro ipsius confirmatione habenda nono kalendas Octobris anno domini M.CC. nonagesimo tertio Episcopo presentato et ad ipsius probationem duobus canonicis dicte domus in testes productis , juratis et examinatis , eorumque dictis in scriptis redactis et postmodum pupplicatis , quia Episcopus invenit electionem hujusmodi minus canonice celebratam , ipsam vitio processus ipsius et non propter defectum persone electe cassavit , irritavit , seu cassam et irritam nunciavit , eligentes propter culpam suam eligendi potestate ea vice privando et sibi providendi domui de priore facultatem specialiter reservando . Deinde examinata persona electi , quia eidem fratri Waltero de honestate vite et religiosis moribus invenit laudabile testimonium perhiberi , et omnes confratres sui in ipsum ut esset eorum Prior

concorditer direxerant vota sua , ipsum in priorem dicte domus jure ad eum devoluto auctoritate pontificali prefecit , curam et administrationem spiritualium et temporalium domus suprafate sibi plenius committendo . Jurataque per dictum Priorem Episcopo et Officialibus suis obediencia canonica in forma consueta , scriptum fuit¹ Archidiacono Lincoln' vel ejus Officiali quod id quod suum esset circa ipsius prioris installationem etc , et quod injungeret , etc . Datum quantum ad cassationem et perfectionem predictas VIII kalendas Octobris anno domini supradicto apud Gosberkirk'.

KIRKBY LAYTHORPE Mediety (Kyrkeby juxta Lafford'). R. Ivo of Billesdon (Billesdon'), ch., p. by the A. and C. of Croxden to the mediety of the church of S. Denis at Kirkby Laythorpe , vacant by the res. of John de La Hay. Inst., Ramsey, September 29, 1293.

BRANSTON (Braunceton'). R. Richard of Thistleton (Thistelton'), ch., p. by the P. and C. of Thurgarton to the church of Branston vacant by the death of Philip. Inst. at the Old Temple, London, October 21, 1293.

THRECKINGHAM (Trikingham). V. Thomas of Henny (Henney), ch., p. by the Master and Brethren of the Hospital of S. Lazarus at Burton to the vicarage of Threckingham vacant because Geoffrey had joined the Dominicans. Inst. at the Old Temple, London, October 21, 1293.

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WYBERTON (Wybreton). R. Philesecus de Jotro, subd., p. by John Duke of Brittany and Earl of Richmond to the church of Wyberton vacant by the death of Peter de Besenturia. Inst. at the Old Temple, London, November 9, 1293.

SWINESHEAD (Swynesheved'). John of Southover (Suthovere), subd., p. by Lady Avis Grellee² to the chapel of Swineshead vacant by the death of Reginald of Wakerley. Inst. at the Old Temple, London, November 9, 1293.

BURGH-ON-BAIN (Burg' super Bayn). V. Walter of Kirmington (Kirmington') p. by the Master, Prioress and Convent of Nun Coton to the vicarage of Burgh-on-Bain vacant by the death of John. Inst. at the Old Temple, London, December 1, 1293, and had letters patent.

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LANGTON BY PARTNEY (Langeton'). R. William of Langton acolyte, p. by John of Langton, son and heir of Sir Thomas of Langton, to the church of Langton vacant by the death of¹ Ordained subd. at Lincoln, September 19, 1293, and inst. at Wooburn, December 17, 1293. Had letters patent.

POTTER HANWORTH (Hanewurth'). R. Oliver d'Eyncourt, clerk in minor orders, p. by the P. and C. of Thurgarton to the church of Potter Hanworth vacant by the death of Master Hugh. The presentation was disputed by Sir Edmund d'Eyncourt and by Richard of Goldsborough and Alice his wife, who put forward other candidates, and the case went to the King's court. Sir Edmund d'Eyncourt first established his right of presentation against Richard and Alice (writ given in full). The Prior of Thurgarton then brought claims of darrein presentment first against Sir Edmund and then against Richard and Alice. In both cases the Prior successfully cleared himself of suspicions that he was conspiring to break the Statute of Mortmain, and produced satisfactory evidence of the genuine foundation of his claim. (Writs given in full.) An inquiry was then held at the direction of the Bishop to find out whether Oliver was of full age. The result was apparently satisfactory, for after being given custody of the church for a short time he was ordained subd. and inst. at Wycombe, December 19, 1293, and had letters patent.

Vacante ecclesia de Hanewurth' per mortem Magistri Hugonis ultimi rectoris ejusdem, Prior et Conventus de Thurgarton' Oliverum de Eyncurt clericum ad eandem ecclesiam presentarunt, factaque inquisitio per officialem W. Archidiaconi Lincoln' per quam, etc., exhibitis etiam tribus brevibus regiis de contentione inter dictos Priorem et Conventum ex parte una et dominum Edmundum de Eyncurt militem, ac Ricardum de Goldesburg' et Alesiam uxorem suam alios clericos ad dictam ecclesiam presentantes ex altera super jure presentandi ad eandem ecclesiam in curia domini Regis suborta et ibidem sopita, quorum quidem brevium tales sunt tenores: — Edwardus, etc., venerabili in Christo patri O. eadem gracia Episcopo Lincoln' salutem. Sciatis quod Edmundus de Eyncurt in curia nostra coram justitiariis nostris apud Westmonasterium per considerationem ejusdem curie nostre recuperavit presentationem suam ad ecclesiam de Hanewurth' que vacat ut dicitur versus Ricardus de Goldesburg' et Alesiam uxorem ejus. Et ideo vobis mandamus quod non obstante reclamacione predictorum Ricardi et Alesie ad presentationem predicti Edmundi ad predictam ecclesiam ydoneam personam admittatis. Teste J. de Metingham apud Westmonasterium XII die Julii anno regni nostri vicesimo primo. — Edwardus, etc., venerabili in Christo patri.

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O. eadem gracia Lincoln' Episcopo salutem . Cum Prior de Thurgarton in curia nostra coram justitiariis nostris apud Westmonasterium arramiasset quamdam assisam ultime presentationis versus Edmundum Deincurt de ecclesia de Hanewurth' vestre diocesis que vacat , idem Edmundus venit in curia nostra et concessit predicto priori presentationem suam ad predictam ecclesiam . Set quia dubitabatur de fraude et collusionione inter eos forte prelocute¹ de predicta advocacione ad manum mortuam sic ponenda contra statutum nostrum per nos et consilium nostrum nuper editum de terris seu tenementis manum mortuam non ponendis de consilio ejusdem curie nostre provisum fuit quod de jure predicti Prioris in advocacione predicta procederetur ad inquirendum . Et quia coram dilecto et fideli nostro Roberto de Herteford' per juratam patrie inde captam convictum est , quod quidam Radulfus Deincurt advocacionem predictae ecclesie simul cum aliis advocacionibus jam quinquaginta annis elapsis contulit cuidam predecessori prioris nunc , et ecclesie sue predictae de Thurgarton' . Et quod quidam Philippus de Marton' totum jus et clamum quod habuit in advocacione ecclesie predictae remisit² et quietum clamavit cuidam Ade predecessori prioris nunc et ecclesie sue predictae per finem factam inde inter eos in Curia domini H. Regis patris nostri coram , etc ², coram Gilberto de Preston' et sociis suis justiciariis ejusdem patris nostri . Et quod quidam Robertus predecessor prioris nunc ultimam personam que mortua est , per cujus mortem ecclesia modo vacat , ratione collationis et quiete clamationis predictarum ad eandem ecclesiam ut verus patronus presentavit , et quod prior nunc presentationem suam ad predictam ecclesiam mero suo jure et non per aliquam collusionem (*Folio 223v.*) inter eos perlocutam habere clamat et habere debet . Vobis mandamus quod non obstante reclamacione predicti Edmundi ydoneam personam ad predictam ecclesiam ad presentationem predicti prioris admittatis . Teste R. de Herteford' apud Bolingbrok' XX die Julii anno regni nostri vicesimo primo . — Edwardus , etc , venerabili in Christo patri O. eadem gracia Lincoln' Episcopo salutem . Cum prior de Thurgarton' in curia nostra coram justitiariis nostris apud Westmonasterium arramiasset quamdam assisam ultime presentationis versus Ricardum de Goldesburg' et Alesiam uxorem ejus de ecclesia de Hanewurth' vestre diocesis que vacat , iidem Ricardus et Alesia venerunt in eadem curia nostra et concesserunt predicto priori presentationem suam ad predictam ecclesiam . Set quia dubitabatur de fraude et collusionione inter eos forte prelocute¹ de predicta advocacione ad manum mortuam sic ponenda , contra statutum nostrum per nos et consilium nostrum nuper editum de terris seu tenementis ad manum mortuam non ponendis , de consilio ejusdem

¹ *Sic : recte prelocutis.*

²⁻² These words are written in the margin, with a drawing of a shield and a rather cross-looking face.

curie nostre provisum fuit quod de jure predicti prioris in advocacione predicta procederetur ad inquirendum . Et quia coram dilecto et fideli nostro Roberto de Herteford' per juratam patrie inde captam , convictum est quod quidam Radulfus Deyncourt advocacionem predictae ecclesie simul cum aliis advocacionibus jam quinquaginta annis elapsis contulit cuidam predecessori prioris nunc et ecclesie sue predictae de Thurgarton' . Et quod quidam Philippus de Marton' antecessor predictae Alesie totum jus et clamum quod habuit in advocacione ecclesie predictae remisit et quietum clamavit cuidam Ade predecessori predicti prioris nunc et ecclesie sue predictae per finem factam inde inter eos in curia domini H. Regis patris nostri coram Gilberto de Preston' et sociis suis justitiariis ejusdem patris nostri . Et quod quidem Robertus predecessor prioris nunc ultimam personam que mortua est per cujus mortem ecclesia modo vacat , ratione collationis et quiete clamationis predictarum , ad eandem ecclesiam ut verus patronus presentavit . Et quod prior nunc presentationem suam ad predictam ecclesiam mero suo jure et non per aliquam collusionem inter eos prelocutam habere clamat et habere debet . Vobis mandamus quod non obstante reclamacione predictorum Ricardi et Alesie ydoneam personam ad predictam ecclesiam ad presentationem predicti prioris admittatis . Teste R. de Hertford' apud Bolingbrok' XX die Julii anno regni nostri vicesimo primo . — Facta etiam de etate dicti Oliveri , qui ad beneficium consequendum etatis illegitime videbatur prima facie , fide plena , demum idem Oliverus XIII kalendas Januarii anno XIII apud Wycumb' in subdiaconatum ordinatus , ad dictam ecclesiam post obtentam aliquamdiu ipsius custodiam est admissus , die , anno et loco eisdem , et rector canonice institutus in eadem . Jurataque Episcopo canonica obediencia in forma consueta , scriptum est Archidiacono vel ejus Officiali quod , etc , et habet litteram de institutione patentem.

KEELBY Mediety (Keleby). R. Master Thomas of Stallingborough, clerk in minor orders, p. by Joan of Healing, as guardian of the lands and heir of Robert of the Arches, to the mediety of the church of Keelby vacant by the death of Adam of Bradley. The presentation was disputed by John Crispyn and Alan Malecake, who presented other candidates. The case between Joan of Healing and John Crispyn went to the King's court and was settled in favour of Joan. (Writ given in full.) Alan Malecake resigned his claim. The said Master Thomas, after having custody of the church for a time, was therefore ordained subd. and inst. at Wycombe, December 19, 1293, and had letters patent.

Vacante medietate ecclesie de Keleby per mortem Ade de Bardele ultimi rectoris ejusdem , Johanna de Heyling' ratione custodie

terre et heredis Roberti de Arcubus Magistrum Thomam de Stalingburg', ac Johannes Crispyn, et Alanus Malecake duos alios clericos ad dictam medietatem Episcopo presentarunt. Factaque inquisitione per¹ Officialem W. Archidiaconi Lincoln', per quam, etc, litigatoque aliquamdiu in curia domini Regis inter hujusmodi presentantes, demum exhibitum fuit Episcopo quoddam breve regium sub hac forma: — Edwardus, etc. Sciatis quod cum Johanna de Heyling' custos terre et heredis Roberti de Arcubus in curia nostra coram justiciariis nostris apud Westmonasterium summonita esset ad respondendum Johanni Crispin de placito quod permetteret ipsum presentare idoneam personam ad medietatem ecclesie de Keleby que vacat et ad suam spectat donationem ut dicitur, idem Johannes venit in eadem curia nostra et concessit eidem Johanne presentationem suam ad predictam medietatem ecclesie hac vice. Et ideo vobis mandamus quod non obstante reclamatione predicti Johannis, ad presentationem predictae Johanne ad predictam medietatem predictae ecclesie idoneam personam admittatis. Teste J. de Metingham apud Westmonasterium XXIII die Octobris anno regni nostri vicesimo primo. — Exhibita etiam fuit eidem Episcopo littera patens dicti Alani sub hac forma: — O. permissione divina Lincoln' Episcopo, Alanus Malecak' salutem et reverenciam cum honore debitam. Noverit paternitas vestra me presentationem quam feci Rogero Malecak' clerico ad medietatem ecclesie de Keleby revocasse. In cujus rei testimonium presentibus litteras sigillum meum apposui. Datum apud Worerikeby die Sabbati proximo ante festum Sancti Michaelis, anno domini M.CC. nonagesimo tertio. Deinde idem Magister Thomas XIII kalendas Januarii anno XIII apud Wycumb' in subdiaconatum ordinatus, ad dictam ecclesiam post obtentam aliquamdiu ejus custodiam est admissus, die, anno et loco eisdem, et rector canonice institutus in eadem. Jurataque Episcopo canonica obediencia in forma consueta, scriptum est dicto Archidiacono vel ejus Officiali quod, etc, et habet litteram de institutione patentem.

SAUTHORPE (Sausthorp'). R. Master Hamon of Lincoln, clerk in minor orders, p. by Henry de Schaddewurth', in right of¹ his wife, eldest daughter of Henry of Sausthorpe and heiress of his mediety of the church, to the church of Sausthorpe vacant by the res. of Master William of Lincoln. Ordained subd. and inst. at Wycombe, December 19, 1293.

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BARHOLM (Bereham). V. Baldwin of Barholm (Berham'), clerk in minor orders, p. by the A. and C. of Bourne to the vicarage

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of Barholm vacant by the death of Simon. Ordained subd. at Lincoln, September 19, 1293, and ordained d. and inst. at Wycombe, December 19, 1293.

SWAYFIELD (Swafeld'). R. Gilbert of Wycombe (Wycumb'), d., p. by the P. and C. of Thurgarton to the church of Swayfield vacant by the death of Haco. Inst., Wooburn, December 20, 1293.

GRANTHAM (Graham'). V. Master Robert of Thorpe (Thorp'), ch., p. by Master William de Berges, prebendary of Grantham Borealis, to the vicarage of the said prebend vacant by the res. of Master Henry of Dinsdale (Dittenshal'). Inst., Wooburn, January 17, 1294.

WEST ALLINGTON (Adelington'). R. Master Henry of Dinsdale (Dittenseshale), ch., p. by the P. and C. of Thurgarton to the church of West Allington vacant by the res. of Master Robert of Thorpe. Inst., Wooburn, January 17, 1294, and had letters patent. Note that Sir Roger Brabazon, knight, presented Henry of Rolleston, but failed to follow up his presentation and afterwards withdrew it.

NEWTON-BY-TOFT (Neuton'). R. Philip of Manby (Manneby), ch., p. by John Verderer (ad Viridarium) of Toft and Aline his wife, Ralph son of Richard of Newton and Cecily his wife, John son of Thomas of Bonby and Alice his wife, Isabel daughter of Ralph Hall (ad aulam) of Newton and Beatrice her sister, heiresses of John the deceased son of Ralph Hall, to the church of Newton, vacant by the death of Thomas. Inst., Dorchester, January 26, 1294, and had letters patent.

SKINNAND (Skynand). R. William called Constable, clerk in minor orders, p. by the A. and C. of Crowland to the church of Skinnand vacant by the res. of Robert of Burton. Ordained subd. and inst. at Banbury, March 13, 1294.

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DALDERBY (Daldreby). R. Peter of Dalderby, clerk in minor orders, p. by Master John of Dalderby, chancellor of Lincoln, to the church of Dalderby vacant by the res. of James of Weston. Ordained subd. and inst. at Banbury, March 13, 1294, and had letters patent.

HUNDLEBY (Hundelby). V. Walter of Lincoln, ch., p. by the Prioress and Convent of Stixwold to the vicarage of Hundleby vacant by the res. of Gilbert of Keddington (Kedington'). Inst., Luffield, March 21, 1294.

WISPINGTON (Wyspington'). R. Nicholas of Sudbrooke (Sudbrok'), ch., p. by Sir John Bek, knight, to the church of Wispington vacant by the death of Ralph of Dalby. Inst. at the Old Temple, London, April 9, 1294.

SPALDING PRIORY. Note that Clement of Hatfield, subprior, appeared before the Bishop at Newenden in Kent for confirmation of his election as Prior of Spalding in succession to William of Littleport, who had died. Licence to elect had been obtained from the Earl of Lincoln, and the Abbot of Angers had been represented at the election by a proctor. The Bishop approved of the election and confirmed it, April 11, 1294.

Vacante monasterio de Spalding per mortem fratris Willelmi de Littelpport ultimi prioris ejusdem, fratreque Clemente de Hattefeud' supprioris domus ipsius in priorem ejusdem per viam compromissi electo, petita prius a nobili viro domino Henrico de Lascy comite Lincoln' patrono domus eligendi licencia et optenta, demum processu hujusmodi electionis pro ipsius confirmatione habenda III idus Aprilis anno domini M.CC. nonagesimo quarto apud Newenton in diocese Cantuar' Episcopo presentato, et ad ipsius probationem uno monacho monasterii S. Nicholai Andegav' in domo Spalding' commorante, et duobus commonachis dicte domus de Spalding' productis in testes, juratis, examinatis, eorumque dictis in scriptis redactis et postmodum pupplicatis, quia Episcopus electionem hujusmodi de persona ydonea concorditer celebratam invenit, ipsam die anno et loco predictis auctoritate pontificali confirmavit, curam et administrationem spiritualium et temporalium dicti monasterii quantum ad ipsum pertinebat dicto fratri Clementi plenius committendo. Jurataque per dictum fratrem Clementem Episcopo et officialibus suis canonica obediencia in forma consueta, scriptum fuit¹ Officiali Archidiaconi Lincoln', ipso Archidiacono tunc extra regnum agente, quod id quod suum foret circa installationem ipsius prioris etc, et quod injungeret. etc. Et est sciendum quod Abbas Sancti Nicholai Andegav', qui electionibus priorum de Spalding pro tempore faciendis interesse tenetur juxta quamdam compositionem dudum initam inter monasterium Sancti Nicholai Andegav' et monasterium de Spalding, per certum commonachum et procuratorem suum electioni interfuit antedicte.

BURRETH (Burreth'). V. Richard of Bardney (Bardeneye), ch., p. by the A. and C. of Topholme to the vicarage of Burreth vacant by the death of Ralph. Inst., Newenden, April 15, 1294.

HACEBY (Hasceby). R. Robert Malebise, pr., p. by Robert of Kirton to the church of Hacey vacant by the death of Master

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John of Kirton. Robert of Kirton had first of all presented Leonius dean of Christianity of Lincoln, but Leonius fell so ill that he was not expected to recover. After the alternative presentation of Robert Malebise had been made, however, he got better. Robert of Kirton thereupon revoked his presentation of Robert Malebise and rep. Leonius. After some discussion, Leonius resigned his claim and the living went to Robert Malebise who was inst. at Spaldwick, May 3, 1294, and had letters patent.

Vacante ecclesia de Hasceby per mortem Magistri Johannis de Kirketon' ultimi rectoris ejusdem, Robertus de Kirketon' laycus Leonium decanum Christianitatis Lincoln' ad eandem ecclesiam presentavit, quo quidem Leonio in quamdam egritudinem ita quod de ejus desperabatur convalescencia, decedente, idem Robertus Robertum Malebise presbiterum ad ipsam ecclesiam presentavit. Factisque inquisitionibus ad presentationes hujusmodi per Officiale W. Archidiaconi Lincoln' juxta morem, habitaque disceptatione in figura judicii inter dictum Leonium postmodum convalescentem ab infirmitate predicta, et prefatum Robertum Malebise quis eorum potior in jure reputari deberet, prefatus Robertus de Kirketon' presentationem de dicto Roberto Malebise factam litteratorie revocavit, Leonium representando predictum. Discussionem vero super hujusmodi revo (*Folio 225.*) catione et representatione inter hujusmodi presentatos pendente, dictus Leonius quicquid juris sibi ex presentatione de ipso facta fuerat adquisitum litteratorie resignavit, dictusque Robertus de Kirketon' resignationem advertens, consensit per litteram suam patentem quod dictus Robertus Malebise ad prefatam ecclesiam admitteretur et institueretur in ea virtute presentationis de eo facte, revocatione per ipsum Robertum de Kirketon' facta nequaquam obstante, propter quod idem Robertus Malebise ad dictam ecclesiam est admissus V nonas Maii anno XIII apud Spaldewyk' et Rector canonice institutus in eadem. Jurataque Episcopo canonica obediencia in forma consueta, scriptum est Officiali predicto quod, etc, et habet idem institutus litteram de institutione patentem.

DIE SANCTI DUNSTANI EPISCOPI VIDELICET XIII KALENDAS JUNII ANNO DOMINI MILLESIMO DECENTESIMO NONAGESIMO QUARTO, INCIPIT ANNUS PONTIFICATUS DOMINI OLIVERI DEI GRACIA LINCOLN' EPISCOPI QUINTUS DECIMUS.

LITTLE COATES (Parva Cotes). R. Geoffrey of Walsham, ch., p. by the Prioress and Convent of S. Leonard's near Grimsby to the church of Little Coates vacant by the death of John. Inst., Theydon, May 22, 1294.

LEVERTON, North Mediety (Leverton'). R. Master John of ? Minshull (Manhale), subd., p. by the A. and C. of Waltham to the mediety of the church of Leverton vacant by the death of Walter of Norton. Inst., Theydon, June 7, 1294, and had letters patent.

BILLINGHAY (Bilingeye). V. German of Brompton (Brumpton'), ch., p. by the P. and C. of Catley to the vicarage of Billingham vacant by the death of Walter. Inst. at the Old Temple, London, June 9, 1294.

ASTERBY (Eystreby). R. William of Asterby, clerk in minor orders, p. by Lora widow of John of Asterby, as guardian of the lands and tenements of Roger son and heir of the said John, to the church of Asterby vacant by the death of Walter. Ordained subd. and inst. at the Old Temple, London, June 12, 1294, and had letters patent.

CLAXBY PLUCKACRE (Claxby). R. Master William of Hundleby (Hundelby), clerk in minor orders, p. by the A. and C. of Revesby to the church of Claxby Pluckacre vacant because Nicholas of Sudbrooke had been instituted to the church of Wispington. Ordained subd. and inst. at the Old Temple, London, June 12, 1294, and had letters patent.

TOYNTON ST. PETER, North Mediety (Toynton). R. Roger Brun, clerk in minor orders, p. by William Casyn of Marton and Beatrice his wife to the mediety of the church of Toynton S. Peter vacant because Thomas of Waddington had been instituted to the church of Leconfield in the diocese of York. Ordained subd. and inst. at the Old Temple, London, June 12, 1294, and had letters patent.

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CAYTHORPE (Catthorp'). R. Edmund of Dinton (Dinieton'), clerk in minor orders, p. by Brother Guy Forest (de Foresta), Master of the Templars in England, to the church of Caythorpe vacant by the res. of Brunus de Podio. Ordained subd. and inst. at the Old Temple, London, June 12, 1294, and had letters patent. A dispute between the said Edmund and Gilbert Heath (de Brueria) was settled before the institution.

“Et est sciendum quod ante admissionem dicti Edmundi orta fuit inter ipsum et Gilbertum de Brueria presbiterum in Curia Cantuar' contentio et sopita prout in rotulo custodiarum plenius continetur.”

DUNSTON (Dunston'). V. Alan of Fulbeck (Fulebek'), ch., p. by the P. and C. of Nocton to the vicarage of Dunston vacant because Geoffrey had been instituted to the church of Little Coates. Inst. at the Old Temple, London, June 19, 1294.

SOUTH WITHAM (Suthwyme). R. Stephen de Godewynston', clerk in minor orders, p. by Brother Guy Forest (de Foresta), Master of the Templars in England, to the church of South Witham vacant because Gilbert Heath (de Brueria) had been instituted to a church in the diocese of York. Ordained subd. on June 12, 1294,¹ and inst. at Biggleswade, June 28, 1294. Had letters patent.

LANGTON-BY-WRAGBY (Langeton'). V. John of Sixhills (Sixil), ch., p. by the P. and C. of Bullington to the vicarage of Langton-by-Wragby vacant by the death of Alan of Walton. Inst., Biggleswade, June 28, 1294.

ANCASTER (Anacastr'). V. John of Winteringham (Wyntringham'), ch., p. by the P. and C. of Malton to the vicarage of Ancaster vacant by the death of Master Nicholas. Inst., Spaldwick, July 5, 1294, and had letters patent.

LOUTH (Luda). V. William of ? Leighton (Leyctan' or Leyccan'), ch., p. by Master Richard of Horton, prebendary of Louth, to the vicarage of that prebend vacant by the death of Master Richard of Welton (Welleton') and the withdrawal of Thomas of Lee who had been the first person presented. Inst., Spaldwick, July 10, 1294.

NOCTON (Nokton'). V. Ralph of Sibthorpe (Sibbethorp'), p. by the P. and C. of Nocton to the vicarage of Nocton vacant by the institution of Alan to the church of Dunston. Inst., Fingest, July 16, 1294, and had letters patent.

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BARKSTON (Barkeston'). R. Richard of Aylestone (Ayleston'), subd., p. by Master William de Berges, prebendary of Grantham Borealis, to the church of Barkston vacant by the death of Master Peter. Inst. at "Aulton", July 28, 1294.

BINBROOK (Binnebrok'). R. Master William of Dalton, subd., rep. by the A. and C. of S. Mary's, York, to the church of Binbrook vacant because the said Master William had not been

¹ Presumably at the Old Temple, London, but this is not stated.

ordained priest within a year of institution. Inst. at Willingham (Wulingham') near Lincoln, August 14, 1294, by Master Jocelyn, Archdeacon of Stow, acting for the Bishop.

CLAYPOLE, North Mediety (Claypol'). R. Nicholas of York, clerk in minor orders, p. by Sir Richard of Howell (Huwell') to the mediety of the church of Claypole vacant by the death of Master Robert. Ordained subd. and inst. at Dunstable, September 18, 1294.

FARFORTH (Farford'). R. Herbert Le Blund, clerk in minor orders, p. by Sir William Le Blunt,¹ knight, to the church of Farforth vacant by the death of Philip. Ordained subd. and inst. at Dunstable, September 18, 1294.

STAMFORD S. MICHAEL MAJOR (Sancti² Majoris Staumford'). R. Geoffrey of Yaxley (Jakele), ch., p. by the A. and C. of Crowland to the church of S. Michael Major at Stamford vacant by the death of Gilbert of Frieston. Inst., Dunstable, September 18, 1294.

NORMANBY-LE-WOLD (Normanby super Waldam). R. Gilbert of Sleaford (Lafford'), clerk in minor orders, p. by Sir Thomas de Braybœuf (Braybuf) of Claxby, knight, to the church of Normanby vacant by the death of Richard of Sleaford. Ordained subd. and inst. at Dunstable, September 18, 1294.

CALKWELL (Calkewell'). V. Robert son of William Bulderhill, subd., p. by the P. and C. of Nocton to the vicarage of Calkwell vacant because Ralph had received other preferment. Ordained subd. and inst. at Dunstable, September 18, 1294.

RAUCEBY (Rouceby). V. Master Roger of Chesterfield (Cestrefeld'), subd., p. by the P. and C. of Shelford to the vicarage of Rauceby vacant by the death of Adam. Inst., Dunstable, September 18, 1294.

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WELLINGORE (Wellingovere). V. William of Blyborough (Blyburg'), ch., p. by the D. and C. of Lincoln to the vicarage of Wellingore vacant by the death of William of Lincoln. Inst. (in the person of John de Scalby his proctor), Edlesborough, September 19, 1294.

HAINTON (Haynton'). V. Walter of Coddington (Coddington'), ch., p. by the Dean and Chapter of Lincoln to the vicarage

¹ *Sic.*

² *Michaelis* omitted.

of Hainton vacant because William of ? Leighton (Leycton') had been instituted to the vicarage of the prebend of Louth. Inst., Watford, September 20, 1294.

SAPPERTON (Saperton'). R. Geoffrey of Pickenham (Pykenham), ch., p. by the A. and C. of Crowland to the church of Sapperton vacant because Michael had received other preferment. Inst. at the Old Temple, London, September 23, 1294, and had letters patent.

CONINGSBY (Coniggesby). R. Nicholas of Sudbrooke (Sugbrok'), ch., p. by Lady Mary Marmyon to the church of Coningsby vacant by the death of Adam of Stratton. Inst. at the Old Temple, London, September 29, 1294, and had letters patent.

STAMFORD S. CLEMENT (Sancti Clementis Staumford'). V. Hugh of Edenham, ch., p. by the Prioress and Convent of S. Michael's, Stamford, to the vicarage of S. Clement's vacant by the death of Reginald. Inst. at the Old Temple, London, October 2, 1294, and had letters patent.

WISPINGTON (Wyspington'). R. Henry of Keddington (Keding-ton'), ch., p. by Sir John Bek, knight, to the church of Wispington vacant because Nicholas of Sudbrooke had been instituted to the church of Coningsby. Inst., Northampton, October 24, 1294, and had letters patent.

BOLINGBROKE (Bullingbrok'). R. Antony of Raithby (Ratheby), ch., p. by the P. and C. of Spalding to the church of Bolingbroke vacant because Henry of Keddington had been instituted to the church of Wispington. Inst., Lincoln, November 18, 1294, and had letters patent.

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ASWARDBY (Assewardeby). Note that William of Tathwell, rector of the church of Reston, appeared before the Bishop as proctor of Gilbert of Legbourne, bearing letters of provision from Pope Celestine V which provided the said Gilbert to the church of Aswardby in succession to Master John Romanus, called the Cardinal, who had died at Rome. The persons appointed to see that these letters were carried into effect were Master Nicholas of Treves, papal notary, the Treasurer of Lincoln and the Archdeacon of Northampton. The provision was accepted by Master Robert of Killingworth, speaking in the Bishop's name, and the patrons (Prior and Convent of Kyme) were enjoined to submit to it. Stow Park, November 26, 1294.

Memorandum quod VI kalendas Decembris anno domini M.CC. nonagesimo quarto , apud Parcum Stowe , venit Willelmus de Tawell' rector ecclesie de Ryston , procurator Gilberti de Lekeburn' clerici , prout per procuratorium per eum exhibitum apparebat , exhibuit Episcopo litteras sanctissimi patris domini Celestini pape quinti , per quas apparuit eundem patrem dicto Gilberto ecclesiam de Assewardeby vacantem per mortem Magistri Johannis Romani dicti Cardinalis , qui in Curia Romana durante vacatione sedis ejusdem decesserat , contulisse , Magistro Nicholao de Trebis domini pape notario , preposito de Massengio in ecclesia Carnoten' ,¹ Thesaurario ecclesie Lincoln' , et¹ Archidiacono Northampton' in eadem ecclesia executoribus sibi super hoc deputatis . Exhibuit etiam litteras executorias Magistri Nicholai predicti per quas Episcopo demandabat , quod prefatum Gilbertum vel procuratorem suum in prefate ecclesie rectorem reciperet prout pertineret ad eum , et a¹ Priore et Conventu de Kyma dicte ecclesie patronis , parochianis que ipsius ecclesie recipi faceret infra octo dies a tempore presentationis mandati hujusmodi sibi facte , ipsumque in corporalem possessionem dicte ecclesie ac jurium et pertinentium ipsius , vel procuratorem suum ejus nomine sine difficultate qualibet poneret , induceret , defenderet et inductum² , et quod admitteret et admitti faceret eundem Gilbertum seu procuratorem suum libere ad predicta , amoto ab ea quolibet detentore , et quod faceret dicto Gilberto vel procuratori suo ejus nomine de ipsius ecclesie fructibus , redditibus , proventibus et juribus universis plene et integre responderi , quodque omnes contradictores et rebelles eidem Gilberto vel procuratori suo super premissis vel aliquo premissorum , aut se opposcentes seu ipsum Gilbertum aut procuratorem suum in assecutione juris sui quomodolibet in predictis vel eorum aliquo impediētes pupplice vel occulte , et etiam in fautores , consilium et auxilium et juvamen contra eundem Gilbertum prestantes , necnon in dantes alteri recipientem vel recipientes predictam ecclesiam vel aliquid jurium predictae ecclesie dicto Gilberto auctoritate predicta collatam , in quos idem Magister Nicholaus excommunicationis sententiam promulgavit pupplice et solempniter cum de nominibus eorum effectus foret certior , per totam diocesem Lincoln' excommunicatos auctoritate predicta denunciaret et per suos subditos faceret nunciari . Episcopus vero hujusmodi mandato sibi directo obedire volens humiliter et devote , convocatis coram se clericis suis , positisque verbis suis in ore Magistri Roberti de Kevelingworht' canonici Lincoln' pronunciavit protinus sub hac forma : — In dei nomine Amen . Nos Oliverus permissione divina Lincoln' Episcopus , exhibito nobis processu venerabilis viri Magistri Nicholai de Trebis domini pape notarii et prepositi de Massengio in ecclesia Carnotens' executoris Gilberti de Lekeburn'

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Rectoris ecclesie de Assewardeby nostre diocesis , una cum¹
 Thesaurario et Archidiacono Norht' in ecclesia Lincoln' a
 sanctissimo patre domino Celestino papa quinto secundum formam
 litteram ejusdem domini pape in negotio provisionis eidem Gilberto
 de ecclesia de Aswardeby predicta deputati , ipsoque processu
 coram nobis lecto et per nos plenius intellecto , cui fidem duximus
 adhibendam , ad mandatum dicti domini Nicholai executoris
 predicti , ac eorum processus et mandati virtute tanquam
 obediencie filius , dictum Gilbertum de Lekeburn' in persona tui
 Willelmi de Tawell' rectoris ecclesie de Riston procuratoris sui ,
 teque nomine ipsius Gilberti juxta litterarum apostolicarum tenorem
 in ipsis contentarum ac ipsorum mandati et processus effectum
 in rectorem prefate ecclesie de Assewardeby recepimus quantum
 ad nos pertinet et a¹ Priore et Conventu de Kyma nostre
 diocesis patronis dicte ecclesie de Assewardeby parochianisque
 ipsius recipi volumus et mandamus juxta formam processus et
 mandati dicti domini Nicholai nobis directorum , ipsum Gilbertem
 in corporalem possessionem dicte ecclesie et jurium pertinentium
 ipsi sibi per dictum dominum papam collatarum in persona
 tui Willelmi ipsius Gilberti nomine poni et induci et defendi
 inductum volumus et mandamus , et etiam ex habundanti ponimus
 et inducimus , ac admittimus per librum nostrum libere ad predicta ,
 amoventes exhunc ab ipsa ecclesia de Aswardby quemlibet
 detentorem , eidem insuper Gilberto vel procuratori suo ejus nomine
 de ipsius ecclesie de Aswardeby fructibus , redditibus , proventibus
 et juribus universis , plene et integre responderi mandamus sub
 penis in prefato mandato dicti domini Nicholai nobis directo
 contentis . Prefato insuper mandato dicti domini Nicholai , quoad
 alia omnia in eodem mandato contenta , reverentes secundum
 omnem sui formam parere volumus in futurum . Actum et datum
 apud Parcum Stowe VI kalendas Decembris anno domini M.CC.
 nonagesimo quarto . Deinde jurata Episcopo per dictum pro-
 curatorem nomine domini sui canonica obediencia in forma consueta ,
 Archidiacono Stowe dedit in mandatis quod sepedicti Magistri
 Nicholai mandatum in litteris suis contentum in omnibus articulis
 qui per alium expediri possent plene et fideliter secundum omnem
 sui formam exequeretur plenius vice sua.

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MUMBY. R. John de Scalby, pr., p. by the P. and C. of
 Markby to the church of Mumby vacant by the death of Master
 Peter of Lincoln. Inst. at Stow Park, December 4, 1294, and
 received, as well as the ordinary letters patent, a testimonial
 letter from the Bishop (given in full) since the position of the
 advowson was somewhat involved. The Prior of Markby had
 first presented Master Thomas de Perar', and the presentation

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was opposed by Sir Peter de Giphthorp', knight (who presented John of Threckingham), John of Langton, John Le Chamberlain, John de Sumery and William Le Breton. The case went to the King's court, and a writ after an assize of darrein presentment (given in full) directed the Bishop to accept the Prior's candidate. Thomas de Perar' was therefore given custody of the church for six months according to the decrees of the Council of Lyons. At the end of this period he resigned, and the Prior presented John de Scalby.

Vacante ecclesia de Mumby per mortem Magistri Petri de Lincoln' ultimi Rectoris ejusdem¹ Prior et Conventus de Markeby Magistrum Thomam de Perar' presbiterum , et dominus Petrus de Giphthorp' miles Johannem de Tirkingham clericum ex adverso ad eandem ecclesiam Episcopo presentarunt , factisque inquisitionibus per Officiale W. Archidiaconi Lincoln' per quas , etc , et litigato aliquamdiu in curia domini Regis inter hujusmodi presentantes , demum dictus dominus Petrus presentationem per ipsum factam de Johanne predicto per suam patentem litteram revocavit , asserendo in eadem littera se intellexisse pro certo quod jus presentandi ad dictam ecclesiam de Mumby ad prefatos¹ Priorem et conventum pertinet pleno jure , omnimodamque actionem et querelam quas erga eosdem Priorem et conventum in curia domini Regis super advocacione dicte ecclesie movebat seu movere posset pure , sponte et absolute per litteram supradictam remisit . Deinde exhibitum fuit Episcopo breve regium sub hac forma : — E , etc . Sciatis quod¹ Prior de Markeby in curia nostra coram justiciariis nostris apud Westmonasterium recuperavit presentationem suam versus Johannem de Langeton' , Johannem le Chaumberlayn , Johannem de Sumery , Willelmum le Bretoun , et Petrum de Gyphthorp' ad ecclesiam de Mumby que vacat ut dicitur , et ad suam spectat donationem , per assisam ultime presentationis ibi inde inter eos summonitam et captam . Et ideo vobis mandamus , quod ad presentationem predicti Prioris ad predictam ecclesiam idoneam personam admittatis . Teste J. de Mettingham apud Westmonasterium , VII die Maii anno regni nostri vicesimo secundo . — Quibus intellectis Episcopus certa de causa commendavit dicto Magistro Thoma ecclesiam de Mumby supradictam usque ad sex menses secundum formam ultimi concilii Lugdun' . Postmodum in fine sex mensium predictorum dicto magistro Thoma pure sponte et absolute renunciante juri quod in dicta ecclesia de Mumby habuit vel ad eam , dicti Prior et Conventus de Markeby Johannem de Scalby presbiterum ad eandem ecclesiam presentarunt , et facta inquisitione per¹ Decanum de Calsewath' , absentibus . . .¹ Archidiacono Lincoln et ipsius Officiali , per quam , etc , prefatus Johannes de Scalby ad dictam ecclesiam est admissus II nonas

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Decembris anno XIII¹ apud Parcum Stowe et rector canonice institutus in eadem . Jurataque Episcopo canonica obediencia in forma consueta , scriptum est dicto Officiali seu Decano de Calsewath' predicto ipso absente , quod , etc , et habet litteram de institutione patentem . Exivit etiam quedam littera testimonialis premissorum sub hac forma : — Universis presentes litteras inspecturis , Oliverus permissione divina Lincoln' Episcopus . salutem in omnium salvatore . Quoniam omnia que geruntur ubique facilius memorie occurrere poterunt in futurum si recenter dum contingunt litterali pagine fideliter commendentur , universitati vestre notum facimus per presentes , quod vacante ecclesia de Mumby nostre diocesis per mortem quondam Magistri Petri de Lincoln' rectoris ejusdem , eademque ecclesia inter² Priorem et Conventum de Markeby Magistrum Thomam de Perar' canonicum ecclesie nostre Lincoln' presbiterum nobis presentantes ad eam , et quosdam alios inferius nominatos existente litigiosa , demum breve domini Regis nobis exhibitum extitit sub hac forma : — Edwardus , etc , ut supra , — propter quod dictam ecclesiam prefato Magistro Thoma commendavimus usque ad sex menses secundum formam ultimi concilii Lugdun' . Deinde in fine sex mensium predictorum eodem Magistro Thoma pure , sponte , et absolute renunciante juri quod in dicta ecclesia de Mumby habuit vel ad eam , nos Johannem de Scalleby presbiterum per dictos priorem et Conventum de Markeby nobis ad eandem ecclesiam vacantem presentatum , ad ipsam ecclesiam facta prius inquisitione super consuetis articulis juxta morem , II nonas Decembris anno domini M.CC. nonagesimo quarto admisimus et rectorem canonice instituimus in eadem , salvis in omnibus episcopalibus consuetudinibus et Lincoln' ecclesie dignitate . In quorum omnium testimonium , sigillum nostrum presentibus est appensum . Datum apud Parcum Stowe , VIII idus Decembris anno domini supradicto.

SUTTON-LE-MARSH (Sutton'). R. Stephen de Wegeland', clerk in minor orders, to whom the Bishop collated the church of Sutton-Le-Marsh vacant by the institution of John de Scalleby to the church of Mumby. Given custody at Stow Park, December 4, 1294. Ordained subd. and collated at Stow in Lindsey, December 18, 1294.³

GREETHAM (Gretham). R. Robert of Warsop (Warsop'), pr., appointed by the Bishop to the living of Greetham vacant because Master Walter of Lowthorpe (Louthorp') had received other preferment. Inst., Stow Park, December 7, 1294, and had letters patent.

¹ *Sic.* Actually December, 1294, fell in the fifteenth year of Bishop Sutton's tenure of the see.

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³ The references to his ordination and institution are written in the lower margin.

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BULLINGTON (Bolington'). V. Robert of Houghton (Houton'), ch., p. by the P. and C. of Bullington to the vicarage of Bullington vacant by the res. of Thomas. Inst., Stow Park, December 10, 1294.

TOYNTON S. PETER Mediety (Toynton'). R. Alan of Miningsby (Mithingesby), clerk in minor orders, p. by Sir John Bek, knight, to the mediety of the church of Toynton vacant because Antony had received other preferment. Ordained subd. and inst. at Stow in Lindsey, December 18, 1294, and had letters patent.

EAST KEAL Mediety (Estrekele). R. William of Harton (Harton'), clerk in minor orders, p. by the Master of the Templars in England to the mediety of the church of East Keal vacant because Robert of Harton had received other preferment. Ordained subd. and inst. at Stow in Lindsey, December 18, 1294, and had letters patent.

BLOXHOLM (Bloxham). R. William of Aston (Aston'), clerk in minor orders, p. by Peter de Greyle to the church of Bloxholm vacant by the death of William. Ordained subd. and inst. at Stow in Lindsey, December 18, 1294, and had letters patent.

THORPE S. PETER (Thorp' juxta Weynfflete). V. John of Blakeston (Blaykeston'). ch., p. by the P. and C. of Kyme to the vicarage of Thorpe S. Peter vacant by the death of Hugh. Inst., Stow Park, December 20, 1294.

BURWELL. V. Robert of Stoke (Stok), ch., p. by Peter prior of Burwell to the vicarage of Burwell vacant because John of Stockton (Stoketon') had received other preferment. Inst., Louth, December 27, 1294, and had letters patent.²

GREAT CARLTON (Carleton' Magna³). R. John of Ferriby (Feriby), d., collated by the Bishop to the church of Great Carlton vacant by the death of Martin Creuker. Inst., Louth, January 3, 1295, and had letters patent.

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STAMFORD HOLY TRINITY (Sancte Trinitatis extra Staumford'). R. Reginald of Harby (Herdeby), ch., p. by the P. and C.

¹ A drawing of a hand in the margin.

² The entry following this one refers to the church of Stibbington and there is a note that it should properly be included among the institutions of the Archdeaconry of Huntingdon.

³ A hand drawn in the margin.

of Belvoir to the church of Holy Trinity, Stamford, vacant by the death of Elias. Inst., Nettleham, January, 1295, and had letters patent.

OSBOURNBY (Osbernby). V. John de Croketon', ch., p. by the P. and C. of Kyme to the vicarage of Osbournby vacant because John the last vicar had received other preferment and Alexander of Chester (Cestr'), the first to be presented, had resigned. Inst., Nettleham, February 17, 1295.

TATHWELL (Thawell'). V. William of Gayton (Geyton'), pr., collated by the Bishop to the vicarage of Tathwell vacant by the death of Thomas of Skendleby. Inst., Norton Disney, February 22, 1295, and had letters patent.

BURTON COGGLES (Birtton'). R. Master Henry of Meldreth (Mellereth'), clerk in minor orders, p. by the P. and C. of Barnwell to the church of Burton Coggles vacant by the death of Master Richard. Ordained subd. and inst. at Lincoln, February 26, 1295.

SOUTH THORESBY (Thoresby). R. Andrew of Saleby, clerk in minor orders, p. by Humphrey de Bohun, Earl of Hereford to the church of South Thoresby vacant by the death of Geoffrey. Ordained subd. and inst. at Lincoln, February 26, 1295, and had letters patent.

FOLKINGHAM. R. Master Thomas of Benniworth (Benigworht'), clerk in minor orders, p. by the A. and C. of Bardney to the church of Folkingham vacant by the appointment of Master Henry of Benniworth to the subdeanery of Lincoln. Ordained subd. and inst. at Lincoln, February 26, 1295, and had letters patent.

SWARBY (Swarreby). V. Roger of Aswarby (Aswardeby), ch., p. by the P. and C. of Kyme to the vicarage of Swarby vacant because John of Swarby had received other preferment. Inst., Bardney, March 2, 1295.

BUCKNALL (Bokenhale). R. William Gascelyn, ch., p. by the Prioress and Convent of Stixwold to the church of Bucknall vacant by the death of Master Henry. Inst., Stow Park, March 19, 1295, and had letters patent.

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MARTIN-BY-HORNCastle (Marton'). V. John of Willingham (Wolingham), subd., p. by the Prioress and Convent of Stainfield to the vicarage of Martin-by-Horncastle vacant by the death of Hugh. Ordained d. and inst. at Stow Park, March 19, 1295.

WEST WYKEHAM (West Wycham). V. Roger of Willingham (Wolingham), subd., p. by the P. and C. of Sixhills to the vicarage of West Wykeham vacant by the death of William. Ordained d. and inst. at Stow Park, March 19, 1295.

ERESBY. R. Antony of Raithby (Ratheby), ch., p. by Sir John Bek, knight, to the chapel of Eresby vacant by the death of Henry. Inst., Sleaford, March 26, 1295.

STAMFORD ALL SAINTS (Omnium Sanctorum Staumford'). V. Hugh of ? Clixby (Clisseby), pr., p. by the Prioress and Convent of S. Michael outside Stamford to the vicarage of All Saints, vacant by the death of Gilbert of Careby (Carby). Inst., Liddington, April 9, 1295.

STAMFORD S. MARTIN (Sancti Martini Staumford'). V. William son of Bartholomew of Stamford, ch., p. by the Prioress and Convent of S. Michael outside Stamford to the church of St. Martin vacant because Hugh of ? Clixby (Clisseby) had been instituted to the vicarage of All Saints. Inst., Liddington, April 13, 1295.

THORGANBY (Thorgramby). R. William of Normanby, ch., p. by William of Croxby to the fourth part of the church of Thorganby vacant by the death of John of Cadney (Cadeney). Inst., Newstead by Stamford, April 16, 1295.

HACEBY (Haseby). R. John of Blakeston (Blaykeston'), ch., p. by Robert of Kirton (Kirketon') to the church of Haceby vacant by the res. of Robert of Enderby. Inst., Newstead by Stamford, April 17, 1295.

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THORPE S. PETER (Thorp' juxta Waynflet'). V. Robert Malebys of Enderby, ch., p. by the P. and C. of Kyme to the vicarage of Thorpe S. Peter vacant by the res. of John of Blakeston. Inst., Newstead by Stamford, April 17, 1295.

LITTLE PONTON (Parva Paunton'). R. Ivo of Ponton (Paunton'), ch., p. by Sir Philip of Ponton, knight, to the church of Little Ponton vacant by the death of Nicholas. Inst. at the Old Temple, London, May 14, 1295, and had letters patent.

POTTER HANWORTH (Hanewrth'). R. Oliver d' Eyncourt, subd., rep. by the P. and C. of Thurgarton to the church of Potter Hanworth vacant because the said Oliver had failed to be ordained priest within a year of his institution. Inst., Theydon. May 18, 1295, and had letters patent.

DIE SANCTI DUNSTANI EPISCOPI VIDELICET QUARTODECIMO KALENDAS JUNII ANNO DOMINI MCC NONAGESIMO QUINTO INCIPIT ANNUS PONTIFICATUS DOMINI OLIVERI LINCOLN' EPISCOPI SEXTUSDECIMUS.

HUMBERSTONE (Humberstayn'). V. John of Welton (Welleton'), ch., p. by the A. and C. of Humberstone to the vicarage of Humberstone vacant by the death of Robert of Sileby. Inst., Theydon Mount, June 8, 1295.

WYVILLE (Wywell'). R. Master Robert of Lewes, subd., p. by the P. and C. of Farley to the church of Wyville vacant by the death of Robert of Mileham (Mylneham). Inst., Theydon Mount, June 12, 1295, and had letters patent.

SWATON (Swaveton'). R. Master Robert de La Vanne, ch., p. by Henry de Lacy Earl of Lincoln to the church of Swaton vacant by the death of H of Penn. Inst., Theydon Mount, June 17, 1295, and had letters patent.

GREENFIELD¹ PRIORY (Grenefeld). Note concerning the confirmation of the election of Elizabeth of Harrington as Prioress of Greenfield. The Bishop had delegated his functions to the Prior of Markby and to Master Simon of Louth, Rector of Ailby. As Master Simon was ill, it was decided that the examination should take place at Ailby church. Elizabeth produced letters of presentation from Sir Adam of Well, patron of Greenfield, and the other necessary documents and witnesses and was declared duly elected. Wednesday after the feast of S. Luke, 1293.

Memorandum quod cum venerabilis pater dominus O. dei gracia Lincoln' Episcopus vices suas commisisset² Priori de Markeby et Magistro Simoni de Luda Rectori ecclesie de Alesby ad examinandum electionem² Priorisse de Grenefeld' et ad confirmandam eandem si rite et de persona idonea inveniretur celebrata , quia dictus Magister Simon gravi detentus infirmitate , apud Grenefeld' accedere personaliter non valebat , ne per diutinam vacationem domus de Grenefeld' nimium lederetur , placuit dicto domino Priori necnon et electe de Grenefeld' pro examinatione et confirmatione predictis ad dictum Magistrum Simonem appropinquare . Convenientibus igitur in ecclesia de Alesby dictis domino Priore ac Magistro Simone die Mercurii proxima post festum Sancti Luce Ewangeliste , Anno domini M.CC. nonagesimo tertio , comparenteque coram eis sorore Elizabet de Ha (*Folio 230^b.*) rington' in Priorissam dicte domus ut dicebatur electa , propositaque ex parte ejusdem electe coram dictis commissariis littera presentatoria

¹ In the margin is written "Ista inaccitatio debet inseri in anno precedenti."

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³ Drawing of a hand in the top margin.

domini Ade de Well' militis patroni domus de Grenefeld', ac forma decreti electionis sue in Priorissam in littera patente, ac forma scrutinii sub sigillo domus communi inclusi, producte fuerunt tres moniales ad probandum ea que circa electionem dicte Elizabet iminebant probanda, quibus juratis in forma recipiendorum testium, dicta earum in scriptis redacta fuerunt, unde dicti commissarii, inspectis et examinatis formis decreti, electionis eisdem primitus presentati, necnon et scrutinii ac littere presentatorie testium predictarum attendentes, nullum notabile vitium seu defectum circa formam electionis esse repertum, personamque electam ad regimen prioratus predicti loci utilem esse et idoneam, electionem de ipsa factam confirmaverunt, curam et administrationem dicte domus in temporalibus et spiritualibus eidem plenius committendo. Recepto ab ea primitus juramento, quod domino Episcopo Lincoln' et ejus Officiali obediens erit in canonicis mandatis. Et scriptum fuit¹ Archidiacono Lincoln' vel ejus Officiali quod ipsam in Priorissam domus de Grenefeld' recipi faceret, et eidem tanquam Priorisse ab omnibus dicte domus subditis et ministris obediri plenius et intendi.

BINBROOK S. MARY (Binnebrok' Sancte Marie). R. Master William of Dalton rep. by the A. and C. of S. Mary's, York, to the church of Binbrook S. Mary. (The said Master William had not been able to be ordained priest within a year of institution.) The patrons asked the Bishop to give the incumbent any extra support he might need. Master William was inst. at Buckden, July 4, 1295, and had letters patent.

Memorandum quod cum magistro Willelmo de Dalton' rectore ecclesie beate Marie de Binnebrok' diacono presbiteratus ordinem recipere differente in tantum, quod infra annum a tempore institutionis sue non potuit in presbiterum ordinari,¹ Abbas et Conventus beate Marie Ebor' dicte ecclesie patroni erga Episcopum institerunt, ut si dicti Magistri Willelmi status in dicta ecclesia in aliquo vacillaret ipsum vellet auctoritate pontificali firmare, eundem magistrum Willelmum ad eandem ecclesiam ex habundanti iterum presentantes. Episcopus vero IIII nonas Julii anno XVI apud Buggeden' dictum magistrum Willelmum Rectorem instituit in ecclesia antedicta. Et super hujusmodi institutione habuit idem Magister Willelmus litteram patentem.

HAUGH (Hagh'). V. John of Mablethorpe (Malberthorp'), d., p. by the Prioress and Convent of Greenfield to the vicarage of Haugh vacant by the death of Walter of Carlton (Carleton'). Inst., Theydon Mount, July 23, 1295.

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BOLINGBROKE (Bolingbrok'). R. Robert of Kenninghall (Kenegale), ch., p. by the P. and C. of Spalding to the church of Bolingbroke vacant because Antony the last rector had received other preferment, and Alexander, the first candidate to be presented, had resigned. Inst., Theydon Mount, August 1, 1295, and had letters patent.

HAINTON (Haynton'). V. Robert of Willingham (Wolingham), ch., p. by the D. and C. of Lincoln to the vicarage of Hainton vacant by the death of Walter. Inst., Banbury, September 8, 1295, and had letters patent.

SOUTH KELSEY, ST. MARY (Suth Kelleseye). R. William of Harton, subd., p. by Brother William Bailiff (Ballivus) of Atherington (Aderington'), proctor-general in England of the A. and C. of S. Martin at Sées (in Sagio) to the church of S. Mary, South Kelsey, vacant by the death of Master Thomas of Sausthorpe.¹ Inst., Banbury, September 9, 1295, and had letters patent.

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ROUGHTON (Ructon'). R. Robert of Wishaw (Wyshawe), clerk in minor orders, p. by Lady Mary Marmion to the church of Roughton vacant by the death of John of Mareham (Maring'). Ordained subd. and inst. at Berkhamstead, September 24, 1295, and had letters patent.

NORTH WITHAM (North Wyma). R. Master Thomas of Cranoe, clerk in minor orders, p. by the A. and C. of Owston to the church of North Witham vacant by the death of Roger of Leesthorpe. The presentation was disputed by Sir William of Kirkby, knight, who presented Master Robert Bernard. After inspecting the charters and muniments of Owston, however, Sir William withdrew his candidate (his letter of resignation is given in full), and Thomas of Cranoe was ordained subd. and inst. at Berkhamstead, September 24, 1295. He had letters patent.

Vacante ecclesia de Northwyma per mortem Rogeri de Livesthorp' ultimi Rectoris ejusdem, Abbas et Conventus Osolveston' Magistrum Thomam de Crannho clericum et dominus Willelmus de Kirkeby miles Magistrum Robertum Bernard' clericum ad eandem ecclesiam presentarunt. Ad quas quidem presentationes factis inquisitionibus per . . .² Officialem W. Archidiaconi Lincoln' per quas, etc., demum dictus dominus Willelmus revocavit presentationem suam predictam per suas patentes litteras sub hac forma: — Reverendo patri in Christo domino Olivero dei gracia Lincoln' Episcopo, suus devotus filius Willelmus de Kirkeby

¹ *Alias* Thomas of Thorpe. See p. 56.

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miles salutem , reverenciam cum subiectione debita tanto patri . Quia cartas et munimenta religiosorum virorum¹ Abbatis et Conventus de Osolveston' quas et que super advocacione ecclesie de North' Wyma habent nuper inspexi , vestre paternitati notifico quod presentationem alias per me factam Magistro Roberto Bernard' ad eandem ecclesiam vacantem revoco per presentes . Et nolo quod virtute presentationis predictae aliquod jus idem Robertus vindicare possit in ecclesia supradicta . In cujus rei testimonium has litteras meas paternitati vestre transmitto patentes . Datum apud Stok' Maundevill' die Martis proxima ante festum Annunciationis beate Marie virginis anno domini M.CC. nonagesimo quarto . — Unde dictus magister Thomas VIII kalendas Octobris anno XVI apud Berkhamsted in subdiaconatum ordinatus ad dictam ecclesiam est admissus die loco et anno predictis et Rector canonice institutus in eadem . Jurataque Episcopo canonica obediencia in forma consueta , Scriptum est dicto Officiali quod , etc , et habet litteram de institutione patentem.

GRAINSBY (Graynesby). R. Richard of Osgodby subd., p. by Sir William de Vesey, knight, in right of the dower of Lady Isabel of Wells his wife, to the church of Grainsby vacant by the death of Henry. Inst., Chartham, near Canterbury, October 2, 1295, and had letters patent.

GREAT COATES (Magna Cotes). R. John of Lincoln, ch., p. by the Bishop of Ely to the church of Great Coates, near Grimsby, vacant by the res. of William Hastang. Inst., Howfield near Canterbury, October 3, 1295, and had letters patent.

NORTH SOMERCOTES (Northsumercotes). V. Robert of Grainthorpe (Germethorp'), ch., p. by the Prioress and Convent of Legbourne to the vicarage of North Somercotes vacant by the death of Ralph of Swallow (Swalu). Inst., Kirton in Holland, October 25, 1295.

GOSBERTON (Gosberkirk'). R. William of Langtoft (Langetoft), ch., p. by Sir Ranulph of Rye, knight, as guardian of the lands and heir of Sir Nicholas of Rye, knight, to the church of Gosberton vacant by the death of Thomas of Rye. Inst., Buckden, November 14, 1295, and had letters patent. Swore to pay an annual pension of forty marks due to the cathedral of Lincoln from the church of Gosberton.

..... Jurataque episcopo canonica obediencia in forma consueta, necnon de solvenda annua pensione XL marcarum ecclesie cathedrali Lincoln' sub hac forma :—Pensionem solitam et antiquam

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XL marcarum annuarum ecclesie de Gosberchirch' ab olim auctoritate pontificali canonice impositam prestandam cathedrali ecclesie Lincoln' fideliter solvam pro tempore meo sic me deus adjuvet, etc.

INGOLDMELLS (Ingoldemeles). R. Master Thomas of Benniworth (Benningwurth'), d., p. by Sir Thomas of Burnham, knight, to the church of Ingoldmells, vacant by the death of William of Cleatham (Cletham). Inst., Buckden, November 21, 1295, and had letters patent.

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CLAXBY BY NORMANBY (Claxby). R. John of Rasen, clerk in minor orders, p. by Sir Thomas de Braybœuf, knight, to the church of Claxby vacant by the death of Robert of Rasen. Ordained subd. and inst. at Huntingdon. December 17, 1295, and had letters patent.

EAST KEAL Mediety (Estrekele). R. Master William of Healing (Heylingeye), clerk in minor orders, p. by the P. and C. of Spalding to the mediety of the church of East Keal vacant by the death of William of Cleatham. Ordained subd. and inst. at Huntingdon, December 17, 1295, and had letters patent.

EAST KEAL Mediety (Estrekele). R. Master Adam of Sawtry (Sautr'), clerk in minor orders, p. by brother Brian de Jay, Master of the Templars in England, to the mediety of the church of East Keal vacant because William of Harton had obtained other preferment. Ordained subd. and inst. at Huntingdon, December 17, 1295, and had letters patent.

SCOT WILLOUGHBY (Scotwylgby). R. Henry of Cottesbach (Cottesbech'), clerk in minor orders, p. by Sir Robert de Waure, knight, to the church of Scot Willoughby vacant by the res. of Eustace. Ordained subd. and inst. at Huntingdon, December 17, 1295, and had letters patent.

DALDERBY (Daldreby). R. John of Dalderby, clerk in minor orders, p. by Master John of Dalderby, chancellor of Lincoln, to the church of Dalderby vacant because Peter of Dalderby had received other preferment. Ordained subd. and inst. at Huntingdon, December 17, 1295, and had letters patent.

BELVOIR PRIORY (Belver'). Note that Peter of Maidford, monk of S. Alban's, appeared before the Bishop at Buckden on December 18, 1295, bearing letters (given in full) from the Abbot of S. Alban's. These letters commended the said Peter to the Bishop as Prior

of Belvoir in succession to Roger, who had died, and asked for confirmation of his appointment in that office. On the following day the Bishop, after investigation, accused Peter of acting as Prior of Belvoir before confirmation and thereby prejudicing episcopal rights. Peter replied that he had acted in ignorance, and made an unqualified submission, whereupon the Bishop confirmed the appointment *per librum*.

Vacante prioratu de Belvero per mortem fratris Rogeri ultimi prioris ejusdem, frater Petrus de Maydenford' monachus monasterii de Sancti Albano cum litteris presentatoriis Abbatis sui XV kalendas Januarii anno domini M.CC. Nonagesimo quinto apud Bukkeden' venit ad Episcopum illasque sibi exhibuit sub hac forma :— Reverendo in Christo patri domino O. dei gracia Episcopo Lincoln', J. ejusdem permissione Abbas monasterii Sancti Albani salutem , reverenciam et honorem . Dilectum nobis in Christo fratrem Petrum de Maydenford' commonachum nostrum presentium portitorem , quem in priorem in cella nostra de Belvero providimus , vestre sanctitati presentamus , administrationem spiritualium ecclesiarum videlicet parochialium et decimarum a vobis suscepiendum , et pro hiis canonicam obedienciam juxta formam compositionis inter vos et nos inite prestiturum , humiliter rogantes quatinus eundem Petrum sine difficultate admittere et in suis negotiis habere dignemini recommendatum . Conservet vos deus ecclesie sue sancte per tempora diuturna . Datum apud Sanctum Albanum die dominica proxima ante festum Sancte Lucie virginis , Anno domini M.CC. nonagesimo quinto.—Quibus per Episcopum perlectis , assignatoque sibi die sequenti ibidem ad faciendum et recipiendum in dicto negotio quod justicia suaderet , dicto fratri Petro die sequenti mane per Episcopum objectum fuit , quod juxta relatum ad aures ipsius Episcopi prius perventum , ipse frater Petrus usurpans nomen prioris in prioratu predicto , ibidem non sine nota intrusionis presumpserat temere ministrare , in prejudicium jurisdictionis episcopalis et juris ecclesie Lincoln' ac contra formam compositionis super admissione prioris dicti loci et consimilium cellarum monasterii prefati in diocese Lincoln' dudum solempniter inite . Ad quod idem frater Petrus respondit quod ipse missus per Abbatem suum ad dictum prioratum ex quadam simplicitate non intendens per hoc jurisdictioni episcopali vel juri ecclesie Lincoln' aliquo modo prejudicare intromiserat se de quibusdam correctionibus faciendis et aliquo administratione rerum spectantium ad locum eundem . Cumque Episcopus eidem fratri Petro diceret ex adverso quod ad regimen dicti prioratus eo ipso reddiderat se indignum, memoratus frater ad purgandum hujusmodi culpam sibi objectam ordinationi Episcopi quoad satisfactionem (*Folio 231v.*) seu emendam inde faciendam pure , simpliciter ac humiliter se submitit , promittens se pariturus eidem in omnibus in hac parte . Demum

Episcopus hujusmodi submissionem acceptans et ordinationem satisfactionis purgande differens , pro voluntate sua alias faciendam , sepedictam fratrem ad dictum prioratum admisit per librum , curamque et administrationem ipsius quantum ad ipsum spectabat juxta morem preteriti temporis et formam compositionis predictae commisit . Quo facto , idem frater juravit Episcopo Officialibus suis obedienciam in mandatis canonicis in forma consueta , in qua dictus frater privilegia monasterii sui excepit.

THIMBLEBY (Thimelby). R. Andrew of Rauceby (Rouceby), ch., p. by the A. and C. of Kirkstead to the church of Thimbleby vacant by the death of Master Thomas of Louth. Inst., Thame, January 27, 1296, and had letters patent.

TOTHILL (Totele). R. Ralph of Peper Harrow (Piperhargh'), clerk in minor orders, p. by Sir Guy Ferre as guardian of the lands and heir of Sir John Ferre, knight, to the church of Tothill vacant by the death of Gilbert of Theddlethorpe. Ordained subd. and inst. at Rothwell, February 19, 1296, and had letters patent.

SUTTERTON (Sutterton'). V. Robert de Grenburn', ch., p. by the A. and C. of Crowland to the vicarage of Sutterton vacant because William had obtained other preferment. Inst., Liddington, March 10, 1296.

MARKET RASEN (Est Rasen). V. Richard of Bleasby (Bleseby), ch., p. by the P. and C. of Sixhills to the vicarage of Market Rasen vacant by the death of Laurence. Inst., Lincoln, March 22, 1296.

STAMFORD S. PETER (Sancti Petri Staunford'). R. Master Ralph of Palgrave (Pgrave), subd., p. by Master John le Fleming (Flemeng'), proctor-general in England of the P. and C. of S. Fromund, to the church of S. Peter, Stamford, vacant by the death of Thomas of Ewerby (Iwardeby). Inst. (in the person of John de Scalby his proctor), Nettleham, March 30, 1296, and had letters patent.

BENINGTON IN HOLLAND (Benigton'). Robert Butevileyn, ch., p. by Lady Joan de Boun, daughter and heiress of Sir John of Bath, knight, to a perpetual chantry established in the church of Benington for the soul of Sir Warner Engayne, and now vacant by the death of Ralph of Dorking. Inst., Nettleham, April 14, 1296. Note that it was found by inquisition that the revenues of the chantry consisted of thirty-seven acres of land worth eighteen pence an acre, and of an annual rent of three shillings from Roger of Leake's holding.

..... "Et acceptum fuit per inquisitionem predictam inter cetera quod dicta cantaria in hujusmodi portionibus consistit , scilicet in XXXVII acris terre arabilis prati et pasture quarum quelibet estimatur acra ad XVIII denarios et annuo redditu trium solidorum de tenemento Rogeri de Leek' percipiendorum."

LUDFORD MAGNA (Magna Ludeford). V. Richard of Somerby (Somerdeby), ch., p. by the P. and C. of Sixhills to the vicarage of Ludford Magna vacant because Richard of Bleasby had obtained other preferment. Inst., Lincoln, April 21, 1296.

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STOKE South Mediety (Stok'). R. Robert of Stathern (Stakethern'), ch., p. by Sir William of Stoke, prebendary of the Prebend of Grantham Australis to the mediety of the church of Stoke vacant by the death of John of Pilsgate (Pillesgate). Inst., Nettleham, April 22, 1296, and had letters patent.

DIE SANCTI DUNSTANI EPISCOPI VIDELICET QUARTODECIMO KALENDAS JUNII ANNO DOMINI M.CC. NONAGESIMO SEXTO INCIPIT ANNUS PONTIFICATUS DOMINI OLIVERI LINCOLN' EPISCOPI SEPTIMUSDECIMUS.

BOOTHBY PAGNELL (Boby). R. Hugh of Boothby, clerk in minor orders, p. by Sir Alexander of Boothby, knight, to the church of Boothby Pagnell vacant by the death of Thomas of Boothby. Ordained subd. and inst. at Lincoln, May 19, 1296, and had letters patent.

OXCOMBE (Oxcumb'). R. James of Brinkhill, clerk in minor orders, p. by Walter of Toothby to the church of Oxcombe vacant by the death of Master Laurence of Wisbech. The presentation was at first disputed by the P. and C. of Bullington, who later withdrew their candidate by letters patent. James was therefore ordained subd. and inst. at Lincoln, May 19, 1286.

Vacante ecclesia de Oxcumb' per mortem Magistri Laurencii de Wysbech ultimi Rectoris ejusdem , Walterus de Toutheby Jacobum de Brinkel clericum ex parte una et¹ Prior et Conventus de Bolington' alium clericum ex altera presentarunt episcopo ad eandem , factisque inquisitionibus ad presentationes easdem , demum prefati Prior et Conventus presentationem suam hujusmodi per litteras suas patentes revocarunt , dicto Waltero presentationem suam ad dictam ecclesiam concedentes. Unde idem Jacobus XIII kalendas Junii anno XVII apud Lincoln' in subdiaconatum

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ordinatus , ad dictam ecclesiam est admissus eisdem die loco et anno et rector canonice institutus in eadem . Jurataque Episcopo canonica obediencia in forma consueta , scriptum fuit¹ Officiali . . .¹ Archidiaconi Lincoln quod , etc.

POTTER HANWORTH (Hanewurth'). R. Oliver d'Eyncourt, subd., rep. by the P. and C. of Thurgarton to the church of Potter Hanworth vacant because the said Oliver had not been ordained priest within a year of institution. No inquisition was considered necessary as the relevant facts were already well known. Oliver was inst. at Eresby, May 30, 1296, and had letters patent.

TETFORD (Theford'). R. Philip of Tetford, ch., p. by Sir Philip of Tetford, knight, to the church of Tetford vacant by the death of Robert of Careby (Karby). Inst., Louth, June 3, 1296, and had letters patent.

LEGBOURNE PRIORY (Lekeburn'). Note that Joan Chamberlain appeared before the Bishop at Louth on June 5, 1296, for confirmation of her election as Prioress of Legbourne in succession to Petronilla of Saltfleetby, who had resigned. The Bishop declared the election invalid on grounds of irregular procedure. He then appointed the said Joan as Prioress upon his own responsibility.

Vacante domo monialium de Lekeburn' per cessionem sororis Petronille de Salfletby ultime priorisse ejusdem Episcopo sponte oblatam et ab eo canonice admissam , sororeque Johanna Chaumberlayn moniali domus predictae in priorissam loci ejusdem nulla licencia eligendi ab aliquo petita eo quod hoc facere non tenentur per formam scrutinii ut dicebatur electa , demum processu hujusmodi electionis pro confirmatione ipsius habenda nonis Junii anno XVII apud Ludam episcopo presentato , et ad ipsius probationem tribus communalibus dicte domus productis in testes , juratis , examinatis , earumque dictis in scripturam redactis et postmodum pupplicatis , Episcopus processum predictum propter vitium in eo repertum et non propter aliquem defectum predictae Johanne cassum et irritum declaravit , privans per decretum eligentes potestate eligendi ea vice , sibi que providendi dicte domui de priorissa ad tunc facultatem reservans . Deinde examinata persona memorate Johanne , quia invenit eidem Johanne de ydoneitate persone et honestis moribus laudabile testimonium perhiberi , ipsam jure ad eum ea vice devoluto in priorissam dicte domus auctoritate pontificali prefecit , curam et administrationem spiritualium et temporalium loci prefati quantum ad statum suum pertinet , sibi plenius committendo . Jurataque per eandem Priorissam Episcopo et Officialibus suis canonica obediencia in forma consueta ,

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scriptum fuit Officiali Archidiaconi Lincoln' quod id quod suum esset , etc. , et quod injungeret , etc.

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STANTON-LE-VALE (Stainton super Waldam). R. William of Acre (Acra), d., p. by Sir Richard of Buslingthorpe (Buslingthorp'), knight, to the third part of the church of Stainton Le Vale vacant because Philip of Tetford (Theford') had received other preferment. Inst., Lincoln, June 22, 1296, and had letters patent.

LINCOLN, S. BARTHOLOMEW (Sancti Bartholomei extra castrum Lincoln'). R. Thomas of Winterringham (Wynterringham), ch., p. by the D. and C. of Lincoln to the church of S. Bartholomew outside the castle of Lincoln, vacant by the res. of William Gernagam. Inst., Nocton, July 4, 1296, and had letters patent which are given in full.

Universis pateat per presentes quod nos Oliverus permissione divina Lincoln' Episcopus , dilectum in Christo filium Thomam de Wynterringham capellanum ad ecclesiam Sancti Bartholomei extra castrum Lincoln' vacantem per resignationem Willelmi Gernagam ultimi Rectoris ejusdem nobis litteratorie oblatam et per nos canonice admissam ad presentationem¹ Decani et Capituli ecclesie nostre Lincoln' admisimus et rectorem canonice instituimus in eadem , salvis in omnibus episcopalibus consuetudinibus et dicte Lincoln' ecclesie dignitate . In cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostrum presentibus est appensum . Actum et datum apud Noketon' IIII nonas Julii anno domini M.CC. nonagesimo sexto.

STAINFIELD PRIORY (Steinfeld'). Note that Christina la Vavasur appeared before the Bishop at Stow Park on September 9, 1296, for confirmation of her election as prioress of Stainfield in succession to Isolde, who had resigned. Licence to elect had been obtained from Sir Henry de Percy, patron of the house. The Bishop declared the election invalid on grounds of irregular procedure. He then appointed the said Christina as prioress upon his own responsibility.

Vacante domo monialium de Steynfeld' per cessionem sororis Isolde ultime Priorisse ejusdem Episcopo sponte oblatam et ab eo canonice admissam , sororeque Cristiana la Vavasur moniali domus predicte in Priorissam loci ejusdem petita prius a domino Henrico de Percy patrono dicte domus licencia eligendi et optenta , per formam scrutinii ut dicebatur electa , demum processu electionis ejusdem pro confirmatione ipsius habenda V idus Septembris anno XVII apud Parcum Stowe Episcopo presentato , et ad ipsius probationem tribus commonialibus dicte domus productis in testes , juratis , examinatis , earumque dictis in scripturam redactis

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et postmodum pupplicatis , Episcopus processum predictum vitium in eo repertum et non propter aliquem defectum predictæ Cristiane cassum et irritum declaravit , privans per decretum eligentes potestate eligendi ea vice , sibique providendi dicte domui de Priorissa ad tunc facultatem reservens . Deinde examinata persona memorate Cristiane , quia invenit eidem Cristiane de ydoneitate persone et honestis moribus landabile testimonium perhiberi , ipsam jure ad eum ea vice devoluto in priorissam dicte domus auctoritate pontificali prefecit , curam et administrationem spiritualium et temporalium loci prefati quantum ad statum suum pertinet sibi plenius committendo . Jurataque per eundem Priorissam Episcopo et Officialibus suis canonica obediencia in forma consueta , scriptum fuit¹ Officiali¹ Archidiaconi Lincoln' quod id quod suum esset, etc. , et quod injungeret , etc.

NOCTON PARK PRIORY (Noketon'). Note that Philip of Hanworth, sub-prior of Nocton, appeared before the Bishop at Mere on August 14, 1296, for confirmation of his election as prior of Nocton in succession to John of Gelston who had resigned. The patron, Sir Philip d'Arcy, refused to give his consent on the grounds that the canons had not asked him for licence to elect, although, as they declared, they were not bound to do so. At last, on September 9, he gave way on condition that this action should create no precedent. The Bishop then investigated the election and declared it invalid on the grounds of irregularity of procedure and unsuitability on the part of Philip of Hanworth. He ordered the canons to elect another candidate, and on September 14 they chose Thomas of Louth. Sir Philip d'Arcy again refused his consent because the canons had not asked licence to elect. He was therefore summoned by the Bishop to appear at Nettleham on September 19 to state his case. He appeared, but could give no valid reason why the election should not proceed, although he repeated his complaint that the canons had not asked his permission to elect. The Bishop therefore confirmed the election of Thomas of Louth on September 20, 1296.

Vacante prioratu de Noketon' per cessionem fratris Johannis de Geveleston' ultimi prioris ejusdem in manibus episcopi sponte factam et ab Episcopo canonice admissam , fratreque Philippo de Hanewurth' supprior domus ejusdem in ipsius Priorem per viam compromissi electo , ac processu electionis hujusmodi pro ipsius electionis confirmatione habenda , XIX kalendas Septembris anno domini M.CC. nonagesimo sexto apud Mere Episcopo presentato et ad illum probandum tribus canonicis dicte domus productis in testes , juratis , examinatis , eorumque dictis in scriptis redactis et postmodum pupplicatis , quia acceptum fuit per depositiones

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testium eorundem , quod¹ supprior et Conventus dicti loci non tenebatur in vacationibus ejusdem petere a patrono licenciam eligendi , sed tantum requirere ipsius consensum post electionem , seque ita fecisse a domino Philippo de Arcy patrono suo , et ipsum electionem minime consensisse pro eo ut dicebat quod debuerant ab eo eligendi licenciam petivisse , licet hoc non teneantur facere ut dixerunt , et per quemdam progenitorem dicti domini Philippi initam et per ipsos coram Episcopo exhibitam apparere videbatur , deliberatum fuit super premissis usque ad nonum diem Septembris anno domini supradicto , quo die dicto domino Philippo ac prefato fratre Philippo electo cum tribus concanonicis dicte domus apud Parcum Stowe coram Episcopo personaliter constitutis , post multa hinc inde dicta , tandem dictus dominus Philippus consensit quod electio dictorum Supprioris et Conventus procederet in illa vacatione , non obstante quod licencia eligendi ab eo minime petebatur , ita tamen quod per hoc non fieret sibi prejudicium imposterum circa prosecutionis juris sui si quod² habeat per quod dicti (*Folio* 233). supprior et Conventus in vacationibus domus sue ab eo eligendi licenciam petere teneantur . Similiter electioni facte de dicto fratre Philippo consensit . Deinde examinatis electionis negotio et conditionibus persone electe , cum in utroque defectus notabilis repertus fuisset , prefatus frater Philippus electus jus sibi per electionem hujusmodi acquisitum in manibus episcopi protinus resignavit . Episcopo vero hujusmodi resignationem acceptans , injunxit sibi et concanonicis suis presentibus et in personis eorum concanonicis domi existentibus , quod deum habentes pre oculis procederent sine mora ad electionem aliam faciendam . Qui quidem supprior et conventus ad electionem futuri prioris procedentes , processum electionis sue per viam compromissi facte de fratre Thoma de Luda canonico domus ejusdem II idus Septembris anno predicto apud Parcum Stowe pro confirmatione ipsius electionis habenda Episcopo presentarunt et ad probandum processum ejusdem tribus canonicis dicte domus productis in testes , juratis et examinatis , eorumque dictis in scriptis redactis et postmodum pupplicatis , quia per depositiones constitit eorundem dictos suppriorum et conventum post electionem predictam ut predicatur dicti domini Philippi patroni sui petivisse consensum , ipsumque suum denegasse assensum solum pro eo quod ab ipso non petierant licenciam eligendi , scriptum fuit dicto domino Philippo ut electioni predictae salva protestatione sua premissa assensum suum qualem deceret patronum sine difficultate qualibet adtunc benignius adhibere curaret , alioquin die Mercurii proxima post festum Exaltationis Sancte Crucis proximum sequens per se vel idoneum procuratorem apud Nettelham coram episcopo compareret si quid canonicum vel rationabile haberet pro se quare electioni predictae non deberet assensum prebere in forma

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debita ostensurus , cujusmodi littere sibi misse tenor in libro memorandorum de eodem anno continetur . Quo die Mercurii scilicet XIII kalendas Octobris anno predicto dicto domino Philippo dictoque electo una cum fratribus Philippo de Hanewurth' supprior et Johanne de Lincoln' canonico dicte domus coram Episcopo apud Nettelham presonaliter constitutis , cum dictus dominus Philippus constanter assereret se nolle electioni consentire predicte et nullam causam omnino pro se ostenderet nec etiam proponeret sepius requisitus , nisi quod non petierant licenciam ab eodem , demum eodem domino Philippo recedente , continuatus fuit electo predicto dies usque in diem sequentem . Quo die adveniente loco quo prius , predicto electo una cum duobus concanonice supradictis coram Episcopo comparente , habitaque deliberatione diutina super omnibus suprascriptis , constante etiam per registrum super creationibus plurium priorum precedentium quod canonici dicte domus a patrono suo licenciam non petierant eligendi , tandem examinatis processu electionis predicte et electi persona , quia compertum fuit quod eadem electio de persona idonea canonice extitit celebrata , episcopus ipsam auctoritate pontificali confirmavit , curam et administrationem spiritualium et temporalium dicte domus prefato fratri Thome plenius committendo. Jurataque per eundem fratrem Thomam Episcopo et Officialibus suis canonica obediencia in forma consueta , scriptum fuit¹ Officiali . . .¹ Archidiaconi Lincoln' quod id quod suum esset circa ipsius installationem etc , et quod injungeret etc.

SOMERBY BY GRANTHAM (Somerby). R. William of Paris, clerk in minor orders, p. by John of Paris to the church of Somerby vacant by the death of Peter. Ordained subd. and inst. at Lincoln, September 22, 1296.

KIRKBY LAYTHORPE Mediety (Kirkeby). R. William of Fockerby (Folcardeby), clerk in minor orders, p. by Henry de Lacy (Lasey), Earl of Lincoln, acting as guardian of Thomas son of Alan of Moulton (Multon') to the mediety of the church of Kirkby Laythorpe vacant because Valentine of Tangle (Tangele) had obtained other preferment. John of Grace Dieu (de Gracia dei) had put forward another candidate by reason of his holding the ferm of the manor of the late Thomas of Moulton in Kirkby Laythorpe , but resigned his right by letters patent. William was ordained subd. and inst. at Lincoln, September 22, 1296, and had letters patent.

Et est sciendum quod Johannes de Gracia dei , firmarius manerii quondam domini Thome de Multon' in Kirkeby qui ratione hujusmodi firme alium clericum ad dictam medietatem presentaverat presentationem suam hujusmodi revocavit per litteram suam patentem.

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QUADRING (Quadhaving'). R. Walter de Fenne, clerk in minor orders, p. by the prioress and convent of Stainfield to the church of Quadring vacant by the death of Master Richard of S. Laurence. Ordained subd. and inst. at Lincoln, September 22, 1296, and had letters patent.

TEALBY (Thevelby). V. John Berne of Lincoln, subd., p. by the P. and C. of Sixhills to the vicarage of Tealby vacant by the death of John. Ordained d. and inst. at Lincoln, September 22, 1296, and had letters patent.

FOLKINGHAM. R. William of Hale, ch., p. by the A. and C. of Bardney to the church of Folkingham vacant because Master Thomas of Benniworth had obtained the living of Ingoldmells. Inst., Nettleham, September 23, 1296, and had letters patent.

CANDLESBY (Candelesby). R. John of Gislingham (Gislingham') ch., p. by Sir Robert of Tattershall (Tatersale), knight, to the church of Candlesby vacant by the death of John. Inst., Stow Park, October 13, 1296, and had letters patent.

CROFT. V. William of Hundleby (Hundelby), ch., p. by the P. and C. of Kyme to the vicarage of Croft vacant by the death of Robert. Inst., Stow Park, October 14, 1296.

GAUTBY (Gouteby). R. Master William of Theddlethorpe, clerk in minor orders, p. by the prior of Minting to the church of Gautby vacant by the death of Reginald. Ordained subd. at Lincoln, September 22, 1296. Inst., Stow Park, October 16, 1296. Geoffrey of Compton, p., the first candidate to be presented, was found to be insufficiently literate and resigned.

Vacante ecclesia de Gouteby per mortem Reginaldi ultimi rectoris ejusdem, Galfridoque de Cumpton' presbitero per priorem de Minting ad eandem ecclesiam presentato, facta etiam inquisitione per Officiale W. Archidiaconi Lincoln' per quam, etc, ipsius insuper Galfridi admissione ad dictam ecclesiam propter defectum litterature aliquamdiu protelata, demum Magistro Willelmo de Thechelthorp' clerico per dictum priorem ad prefatam ecclesiam in minoribus ordinibus presentato, et X kalendas Octobris anno XVII apud Lincoln' in subdiaconatum ordinato, facta prius inquisitione per prefatum Officiale per quam, etc, et dicto Galfrido jus sibi per dictam presentationem adquisitum resignante, dictus Magister Willelmus ad prefatam ecclesiam est admissus XVII kalendas Novembris anno predicto apud Parcum Stowe et rector canonice institutus in eadem. Jurataque Episcopo

canonica obediencia in forma consueta , scriptum est dicto Officiali quod , etc.

GRANTHAM (Graham). R. Master Peter de Gurmville p. by the Bishop of Salisbury (whose letters of presentation, dated October 2, 1296, are given in full) to the Prebend of Grantham Australis vacant by the death of William of Stoke. Inst., October 29, 1296, and had letters patent in the same form as those granted to Master William de Berges for the Prebend of Grantham Borealis.

Vacante medietate ecclesie de Graham que prebenda australis vocatur per mortem Willelmi de Stokes ultimi rectoris ejusdem , ex parte Magistri Petri de Gurmville exhibita fuit Episcopo V idus Octobris anno domini M.CC. nonagesimo sexto apud Parcum Stowe littera venerabilis patris domini Nicholai dei gracia Sarr' Episcopi sub hac forma :—Venerabili in Christo patri domino Olivero dei gracia Episcopo Lincoln' , Nicholaus permissione ejusdem Sarr' ecclesie minister humilis salutem et superne caritatis continuum incrementum . Cum prebenda ecclesie de Graham vestre diocesis per mortem Willelmi de Stok' proximi prebendarii ejusdem in ecclesia nostra Sarr' vacantem , Magistro Petro de Gurmville nostro clerico familiari contulerimus intuitu caritatis , ipsum ad eandem prebendam cum suis pertinentiis vestre paternitati reverende presentamus , attentius supplicantes quatinus eundem Magistrum Petrum ad ipsam prebendam admittatis , quod vestrum est in hac parte ulterius prosequentes . Conservet vos altissimus ad regimen ecclesie sue sancte tempore diuturno . Datum apud Sarr' VI nonas Octobris anno graciae M.CC. nonagesimo sexto . Ad quam quidem presentationem facta inquisitione per . . . ¹ Officialem . . . ¹ Archidiaconi Lincoln' per quam , etc , dictus Magister Petrus coram Episcopo personaliter (*Folio 234*). constitutus , ad dictam medietatem ecclesie de Graham' que prebenda australis vocatur ut predictur est admissus IIII kalendas Novembris et rector canonice institutus in eadem . Jurataque Episcopo canonica obediencia in forma consueta , scriptum est dicto Officiali quod , etc , et habet litteram de institutione patentem sub eadem forma quam habuit Magister Willelmus de Berges de institutione sua in altera medietate dicte ecclesie que prebenda borealis vocatur.

CALCEBY (Calseby). V. Hugh of Calceby, ch., p. by the P. and C. of Kyme to the vicarage of Calceby vacant because William of Hundleby had been inst. to the vicarage of Croft. Inst., Buckden, November 21, 1296, and had letters patent.

CONSOLIDATION OF THE RECTORY AND VICARAGE OF GREAT HALE (consolidatio vicarie de Hale rectorie ejusdem). Note that the

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Bishop, at the request of William of Riby, rector of Great Hale, and in the presence of the abbot of Bardney who was patron, united the vicarage, vacant because William of Hale had been instituted to the church of Folkingham, to the rectory of Great Hale. The rector was ordered to live and minister in the parish with the help of two chaplains. Buckden, November 21, 1296.

In dei nomine amen . Constitutus coram nobis O. permissione divina Lincoln' Episcopo dilectus in Christo filius Willelmus de Riby presbiter rector parochialis ecclesie de Hale de advocacione monasterii de Bardeneye , Roberto Abbate loci ejusdem tunc presente et similiter ad hoc instante , a nobis instantius postulavit , ut proventus sustentationi vicariorum in eadem ecclesia pro tempore preterito existencium assignatos , cujusmodi portio seu vicaria per hoc quod Willelmus de Hale ultimus vicarius ecclesie supradicte parochialem ecclesiam de Folkingham' admiserat titulo institutionis de jure et de facto notorie tunc vacavit , rectorie ejusdem ecclesie de Hale consolidare , eamque reintegrare provide curaremus , presertim cum idem Willelmus in eadem ecclesia personaliter residere et curam ipsius sibi commissam presentialiter agere se paratum offerret , sane super dicta petitione diutina deliberatione premissa , rationesque eandem petitionem juvare vel refragari videbantur eidem , exquisite duximus ponderandos . Demum licet comparerimus plures vicarios in dicta ecclesia de Hale temporibus successivis fuisse institutos , et in ea cum alio capellano comite a longissimis retrotemporibus personaliter ministrasse , rectore ejusdem nihilominus residente , qua tamen reintegrationi ecclesiarum qualibet sectione seu divisione earum subducta ubi non vertitur prejudicium cujusquam , dum tamen cultus divinus in nullo diminuatur , favendum esse censemus prefatam ecclesiam de Hale per ipsius rectorem sine vicario ibidem instituendo decernimus fore regendam , ita quod duo capellani continue ministraturi in ea , precipue cum ad hoc ipsius facultates sufficiant , et ejusdem parochie amplitudo id exposcat , de cetero habeantur , prefato Rectori ut in eadem ecclesia residenciam faciat personalem sub pena juris , et dictos capellanos pro eo quod administrandum in propria persona sicut decet , adversa valitudine obstante sufficiens non existit , inveniatur , et pauperibus dicte parochie elemosynas competentes optentu hujusmodi reintegrationis facit sub pena canonice distractionis firmiter injungentes . Acta sunt hec apud Bukkeden' XI kalendas Decembris anno domini M.CC. nonagesimo sexto . Et scriptum fuit¹ Officiali¹ Archidiaconi Lincoln' sub data X kalendas Decembris anno supradicto apud Bukkeden' quod prefatum rectorem fructus et proventus dicte ecclesie cum integritate percipere deinceps libere permetteret premissaque in dicta ecclesia de Hale et locis aliis quibus expedire videret , supplicaret.

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PICKWORTH (Pikwrth). R. Robert of Pickworth, clerk in minor orders, p. by John of Pickworth to the church of Pickworth vacant by the death of Alan of Stretton. The right of presentation was disputed by Robert Cosyn who presented William of Ropsley. The case went to the King's court where Cosyn quit-claimed all his rights of advowson in the living to John of Pickworth. A royal writ (given in full) dated October 12, 1296, directed the Bishop to accept John's candidate, and Robert of Pickworth was ordained subd. and inst. at Huntingdon, December 22, 1296.

Vacante ecclesia de Pikkewrth' per mortem Alani de Stretton' ultimi rectoris ejusdem, Johannis de Pikwrth' Robertum de Pikkewrth' clericum et Robertus Cosyn Willelmum de Roppele clericum ex adverso ad eandem ecclesiam de Pikkewrth' Episcopo presentarunt, factisque inquisitionibus ad presentationes easdem per . . .¹ Officialem Archidiaconi Lincoln per quas, etc, litigatoque aliquamdiu in Curia domini Regis inter hujusmodi presentantes, demum exhibitum fuit Episcopo breve regium sub hac forma:— E. etc. Episcopo Lincoln' etc. Sciatis quod Johannes filius Hugonis de Pikwrth' in Curia nostra coram Justiciariis nostris apud Westmonasterium arramiavit assisam ultime presentationis versus Robertum filium Roberti Cosyn de Pikwrth' de advocacione ecclesie de Pikwrth' que vacat ut dicitur, idem Robertus filius Roberti venit in eadem curia nostra et concessit predicto Johanni presentationem suam ad predictam ecclesiam et remisit et quietum clamavit de se et heredibus suis advocacionem ejusdem ecclesie imperpetuum. Et ideo vobis mandamus quod non obstante reclamacione predicti Roberti filii Roberti ad presentationem predicti Johannis ad predictam ecclesiam ydoneam personam admittatis. Teste J. de Mettingham' apud Westmonasterium XII die Octobris anno regni nostri XXIII. — Unde dictus Robertus XI kalendas Januarii anno XVII apud Hunt' in subdiaconatum ordinatus, post optentam aliquamdiu ipsius ecclesie custodiam ad eam est admissus, eisdem die, anno et loco, et rector canonice institutus in eadem. Jurataque Episcopo canonica obediencia in forma consueta, scriptum est dicto Officiali quod etc.

Folio 234v.

CONISHOLME (Cuningesholm'). R. William of Harrington (Harington'), clerk in minor orders, p. by Sir Peter of Legbourne (Lekeburn'), knight, as guardian of the lands and heir of Sir Alan of Conisholme, to the church of Conisholme vacant by the death of Ralph. Ordained subd. and inst. at Huntingdon, December 22, 1296.

WOOTTON (Wutton'). R. Master Geoffrey of Colney (Colneye), clerk in minor orders, p. by William of Colney to the church of

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Wootton vacant by the death of Roger. Ordained subd. and inst. at Huntingdon, December 22, 1296.

BELTON BY GRANTHAM (Belton'). R. Master Roger of Welbourn (Welleburn'), clerk in minor orders, p. by the A. and C. of S. Mary's, York, to the church of Belton vacant by the death of Robert. Ordained subd. and inst. at Huntingdon, December 22, 1296.

BILLINGBOROUGH (Bilingburg'). V. Master Richard of Wyloughby (Wylugby), clerk in minor orders, p. by the P. and C. of Sempringham to the vicarage of Billingborough vacant by the death of Master William of Graby (Greyby). Ordained d. and inst. at Huntingdon, December 22, 1296.

MOORBY (Moreby). R. Thomas of Leicester (Leycestria), pr., p. by the Bishop of Carlisle to the church of Moorby vacant by the death of Gilbert. Inst., Buckden, December 30, 1296, and had letters patent.

GREATFORD (Gretford'). R. Michael Crok', subd., p. by the Abbess and Convent of S. Mary's, Winchester, to the church of Greatford vacant by the death of Gilbert of Rochester (Roffa). Inst. at the Old Temple, London, January 20, 1297, and had letters patent.

THORNTON CURTIS (Thorneton'). V. Andrew of Croxby, ch., p. by the A. and C. of Thornton to the vicarage of Thornton Curtis vacant by the death of William. Inst., Biggleswade, January 30, 1297.

TALLINGTON (Talington'). V. Stephen of Wragby (Wraggeby), ch., p. by the P. and C. of Belvoir to the vicarage of Tallington vacant by the death of Eustace. Inst., Buckden, February 25, 1297, and had letters patent.

SCRAFIELD (Skreychfeld'). R. Alexander Mortimer (de Mortuo Mari), clerk in minor orders, p. by William Mortimer to the church of Scrafield vacant by the res. of Hugh of Enfield (Enefield).¹ Ordained subd. and inst. at Brampton near Huntingdon, March 9, 1297, and had letters patent.

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LITTLE CAWTHORPE (Calthorp'). V. Robert of Aswarby (Aswardeby), clerk in minor orders, p. by the P. and C. of Alvingham to the vicarage of Little Cawthorpe vacant by the res. of John of Cressingham. Ordained d. and inst. at Brampton near Huntingdon, March 9, 1297, and had letters patent.

¹ *Alias* Hugh of Denford. See p. 63.

BARDNEY (Bardeneye). V. Walter Colt, ch., p. by the A. and C. of Bardney to the vicarage of Bardney vacant by the death of Adam of Bratoft (Braytoft). Inst., Edlington (Edelinton'), March 23, 1297.

METHERINGHAM. V. Richard of Keele (Kele), ch., p. by the P. and C. of Kyme to the vicarage of Metherringham vacant by the death of William. Inst., London, April 4, 1297.

LINCOLN, S. BARTHOLOMEW'S (Appropriatio ecclesie Sancti Bartholomei.) Letters patent of the Bishop, declaring the appropriation of the church of S. Bartholomew to the Cathedral on the death or resignation of its rector. The site was to be used for the burial of such bodies as would formerly have been buried in the cathedral ground, and the revenues were to be divided between the upkeep of the cathedral choir and the repair of the fabric of S. Bartholomew's. Witnessed by Nicholas of Whitchurch, Official, the Archdeacons of Huntingdon and Stow, and by William of Stockton and John Maunsel, canons. Given at Wooburn near Wycombe, May 5, 1297.

Universis sancte matris ecclesie filiis ad quorum noticiam presens scriptum pervenerit, Oliverus permissione divina Lincoln' Episcopus salutem in omnium salvatore. Locis deo sacratis quasi ad non esse juxta conditionem seculi vergentis in senium labentibus seu redactis, decens est ut id quod post lapsum hujusmodi superesse videtur ad alicujusmodi exercitium utile et cultum devotum episcopali studio provide deputetur. Sane ecclesia Sancti Bartholomei ex occidua parte castri Lincoln' dudum parochiana nullum omnino parochianum a multo tempore optinente, et pro magna parte supprime subjecta ruine, de eadem ecclesia a ministerio et cultu divino in presentiarum penitus destituta sicut extitit jam a diu, ut ad statum landabilem atque pium decetero reducatur, premissa deliberatione decrevimus ordinare. Attendentes igitur qualitatem aree ecclesie nostre cathedralis predictae ad sepulturam funerum deputate quam a strata pupblica pre ipsius loci conculcatione et usu communi ad agenda quecumque quodammodo non multum distare, et alias in se ex causis variis ad hoc minus congruam fore reputamus, et preter indecenciam quamdam ex hujusmodi funeratione patenter surgentem, corruptionemque exinde canonicis nostris et aliis ibidem circumquaque habitantibus deinceps iminere poterit advertentes, memoratam ecclesiam Sancti Bartholomei in qua capitulum nostrum Lincoln' jus patronatus habere dinoscitur cedente vel decedente rectore ejusdem cum omnibus suis juribus et pertinentiis quibuscumque, suadentibus necessitate, utilitate et honestate, concurrente etiam ad hoc expressa voluntate omnium quorum in hac parte de jure est requirendus assensus, ecclesie

nostre cathedrali pretacte pro sepultura corporum que canonici ejusdem ecclesie residentes illuc inferre decreverint , deputamus , concedimus , et perpetuo assignamus , decernentes , ordinantes et statuantes ex nunc quod omnes fructus et proventus ad dictam ecclesiam Sancti Bartholomei postquam illam vacare contigerit spectantes qualitercumque in futurum , ad usus et aliquale augmentum sustentationis puerorum chori ecclesie nostre predictae per ipsos canonicos totaliter convertantur , salva aliqua portione hujusmodi fructuum et proventuum ad fabricam prenotate ecclesie Sancti Bartholomei annuatim (*Folio 235v.*) vel alias cum res exegerit pro dictorum canonicorum residenceium arbitrio convertenda. In cujus rei testimonium presens scriptum sigilli nostri munimine fecimus communiri . Testibus magistris Nicholao de Whytchirch' Officiale nostro , Waltero et Gocelino Huntingdon' et Stowe Archidiaconis dominis Willelmo de Stokton' et Johanne Maunsel clericis nostris familiaribus et ecclesie nostre canonicis . Datum apud Wouburn' juxta Wycumb' III nonas Maii anno domini M.CC. nonagesimo septimo et pontificatus nostri XVII.

QUARTODECIMO KALENDAS JUNII VIDELICET DIE SANCTI DUNSTANI ANNO DOMINI M.CC. NONAGESIMO SEPTIMO INCIPIT ANNUS PONTIFICATUS DOMINI OLIVERI DEI GRACIA LINCOLNIENSIS EPISCOPI OCTAVUS DECIMUS.

BITCHFIELD (Billesfeld'). V. John of Peakirk (Peykirk'), clerk in minor orders (subsequently at an unspecified date ordained subd. and d.), p. by the A. and C. of Bourne to the church of Bitchfield vacant by the res. of Walter. Inst. at Theydon, June 8, 1297.

MAVIS ENDERBY (Enderby). R. Robert Malebys, ch., p. by Alan Malebys to the church of Mavis Enderby vacant by the death of Richard. Inst., Theydon Mount (Theyden' ad montem), June 10, 1297, and had letters patent.

BELVOIR PRIORY (Belver'). John of Stathern, monk of S. Alban's, presented by the Abbot of S. Alban's, in accordance with the agreement made between him and the Bishop of Lincoln, to the priory of Belvoir vacant by the recall of Peter of Maidford to the mother house. The abbot's letters of presentation are given in full. The Bishop, after collating them with earlier letters of the same type, objected to the wording. He was, however, persuaded that the abbot and his candidate had acted in good faith, and John was admitted Prior *per librum* at Theydon Mount on June 25, 1297, in the presence of the Archdeacon of Stow, John de Scalby,

John of Willingham, Gilbert of Sutton, marshal, Hamund Hostiarius and others.

Vacante prioratu de Belvero per revocationem fratris Petri de Maydenford' ultimi prioris ejusdem ad monasterium principale de Sancto Albano factam per Abbatem loci ejusdem juxta formam compositionis dudum inite inter ecclesiam Lincoln' et monasterium de Sancto Albano predictum, VII kalendas Julii anno domini M.CC. nonagesimo septimo apud Theyden' ad montem venit frater Johannes de Stakederne monachus monasterii memorati, litteras Abbatis ejusdem monasterii presentatorias Episcopo exhibens sub hac forma:—Reverendo in Christo patri domino O. dei gracia Episcopo Lincoln' suus J. ejusdem permissione Abbas monasterii Sancti Albani salutem, reverenciam et honorem. Dilectum nobis in Christo fratrem Johannem de Stakedern' commonachum nostrum presentium portitorem quem in priorem in cella nostra de Belvero providimus vestre Sanctitati presentamus administrationem spiritualium ecclesiarum videlicet parochialium et decimarum salvis privilegiis nostris a vobis suscepturum et pro hiis canonicam obedienciam juxta formam compositionis inter vos et nos inite prestiturum, humiliter rogantes quatinus eundem sine difficultate admittere et in suis negotiis habere dignemini recommendatum. Conservet vos deus ecclesie sue sancte per tempora diuterna. Datum apud Sanctum Albanum in vigilia Nativitatis Sancti Johannis Baptiste anno domini M.CC. nonagesimo septimo. — Quibus inspectis et facta collatione earundem ad litteras presentationum que Episcopo in hac parte dirigi consueverant temporibus retroactis, Episcopus calumpniatis illis verbis 'salvis privilegiis nostris' in dictis litteris presentatoriis insertis, pro eo quod in aliis presentationibus prioribus minime ponebantur, predictum fratrem Johannem asserentem bona fide se nunquam gessisse se pro priore de Belvero nec tanquam priorem administrationi pertinentium ad prioratum eundem se immiscuisse, set provisionem de eo factam fuisse primo die dominica tunc proxima precedente, ad ipsum prioratum admisit per librum, et administrationem ipsius prioratus quantum ad eum spectabat juxta morem preteriti temporis et formam compositionis predictae eidem commisit. Quo facto, idem frater Johannes juravit Episcopo et Officialibus suis canonicam obedienciam in forma consueta. Acta sunt hec die loco et anno domini supradictis presentibus magistro Gocelino Archidiacono Stowe, Johanne de Scalleby presbitero, Johanne de Wyvelingham diacono, Gilberto de Sutton' marescallo, Hamundo Hostiario et aliis familiaribus Episcopi memorati.

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THORPE S. PETER (Thorp' juxta Waynflet'). V. John of Willingham (Wyvelingham'), d., p. by the P. and C. of Kyme to

the church of Thorpe S. Peter vacant by the institution of Robert to the church of Mavis Enderby. Inst., Theydon Mount, June 27, 1297.

ALGARKIRK (Algerkirk'). R. John of Markingfield (Merkenfeld'), d., p. by King Edward as guardian of the heir and lands of Thomas, son of Lambert of Moulton (Multon'), knight, to the church of Algarkirk vacant by the death of Robert of Belstead. Inst. at the Old Temple, London, July 21, 1297, and had letters patent.

SKELLINGTHORPE (Skeldinghop'). R. William of Thurlby (Thurleby), clerk in minor orders, p. by the A. and C. of Bourne to the church of Skellingthorpe vacant by the death of Master William de Bosco. Ordained subd. and inst. at Leicester, September 21, 1297.

LEGBOURNE Mediety (Lekeburn'). R. Ralph of Louth (Luda), clerk in minor orders, p. by Henry of Legbourne to the mediety of the church of Legbourne vacant by the death of Robert of Houghton (Houton'). After he had made proof of age (since he was thought to be a minor), Ralph was ordained subd. and inst. at Leicester, September 21, 1297.

ROTHWELL (Rothewell'). R. Alan of Rothwell, clerk in minor orders, p. by Sir Robert of Rothwell, knight, to the church of Rothwell vacant by the death of Master Robert of Harrington (Harington'). Ordained subd. and inst. at Leicester, September 21, 1297.

CUMBERWORTH (Cumberwrth'). R. Henry le Chamberlain (Chaumberlayn), clerk in minor orders, p. by Sir Adam of Well (Well'), knight, to the church of Cumberworth vacant because William of Oundle (Undel) had resigned on receiving preferment in the diocese of Salisbury. Ordained subd. and inst. at Leicester, September 21, 1297.

GREAT CARLTON (Magna Karleton'). R. Collation to Master Robert Bernard, subd., by the Bishop of the church of Great Carlton vacant by the death of John of Ferriby (Feriby). During the interval the church had been commended to John de Scalby. Inst., Leicester, September 26, 1297.

BELTON BY GRANTHAM (Belton'). R. Richard of Stretton (Stretton'), ch., p. by the A. and C. of S. Mary's, York, to the church of Belton vacant by the res. of Master Roger of Welbourn (Welleburn'). Inst., Panton, October 6, 1297.

HARRINGTON (Harington'). R. Robert of Cranoe (Cravenhou), ch., p. by Sir John of Harrington, knight, to the church of Harrington vacant by the death of Master Robert of Harrington. Inst. (in the person of John de Scalby his proctor), Nettleham, November 21, 1297.

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LAVINGTON (Lavyngton'). V. John of Willingham (Wolyngham), ch., p. by the prioress and convent of Stixwould to the vicarage of Lavington vacant by the death of Adam of Donington. Inst., Louth, December 15, 1297.

MORTON BY BOURNE (Morton'). V. Walter Erlin, ch., p. by the A. and C. of Bourne to the vicarage of Morton vacant by the death of Ralph of Claythorpe (Clathorp'). Inst., Louth, December 20, 1297.

BUCKNALL (Bukenhale). R. William of Rasen, clerk in minor orders, p. by the prioress and convent of Stixwould to the church of Bucknall vacant by the res. of William Gacelyn. Ordained subd. and inst. at Louth, December 21, 1297, and had letters patent.

STAPLEFORD (Stapilford'). R. Master William of Habton (Habton'), clerk in minor orders, p. by the P. and C. of S. Katherine outside Lincoln to the church of Stapleford vacant by the death of Robert of Newark (Neuwerk'). Ordained subd. and inst. at Louth, December 21, 1297, and had letters patent.

MANBY (Manneby). R. Robert of Manby, clerk in minor orders, p. by William of Manby to the church of Manby vacant by the death of Master William of Manby. Ordained subd. and inst. at Louth, December 21, 1297, and had letters patent.

HOLTON-LE-CLAY (Houton'). V. Walter of Benniworth (Benigworth'), ch., p. by the A. and C. of Humberstone to the vicarage of Holton-le-Clay vacant by the death of John. Inst., Louth, January 13, 1298.

DOWSBY (Douseby). R. Robert of Leake (Leyk'), ch., p. by Thomas, son of Sir William de Ros of Ingmanthorpe, to the church of Dowsby vacant by the death of Hugh Fucher. Inst. at Thornton Curtis (Thornton' super Humbr'), January 20, 1298, and had letters patent.

MARTIN BY HORNCASTLE (Marton). V. Thomas of Aswardby (Asewardeby), ch., p. by the prioress¹ and convent of Stainfield to the vicarage of Martin by Horncastle vacant because John of Willingham (Wolingham) had been inst. to the church of Lavington. Inst., Nettleham, February 5, 1298.

FRAMPTON (Fraunton'), Chapel of S. James. Robert of Burwell, pr., p. by Sir Thomas of Moulton, knight, to the chantry of the chapel of S. James at Frampton. An inquiry held by the Official of the Archdeacon of Lincoln showed that the previous incumbent, Robert of Wenham, had been mad for five years. It also showed that the incumbent was bound to provide lights and the wages of a clerk to assist in the services, and to keep the chapel and all its appurtenances in proper repair, and that if he did not do so the office should be held to be vacant after forty days. Robert of Wenham was summoned to appear by proxy and defend his claim. Since he did not do so, the custody of the said chapel was committed to Robert of Burwell with the stipulation that he should make proper provision for the care of Robert of Wenham until other provision could be made. No date.

Roberto de Burwell' presbitero presentato per dominum Thomam de Multon' militem ad cantariam capelle Sancti Jacobi in capella ejusdem domini Thome apud Fraunton', factaque inquisitione per Officalem W. Archidiaconi Lincoln' super contingentibus statum dicte capelle per quam acceptum extitit Robertum de Wenham presbiterum in eadem cantaria ultimum institutum, amentia continua per quinquennium laborasse et etiam laborare, dictamque cantaria ordinatam esse sub conditionibus infrascriptis, videlicet quod capellanus (*Folio 237.*) ministrans in dicta capella debet in ea continue celebrare divina, luminare et clericum ydoneum secum ministrantem suis sumptibus invenire, dictam capellam et totam terram ac domos et redditus et edificia ad eandem capellam pertinentia in eo statu sustinere quo ipsa recepit. Et si idem capellanus aliquod aliud beneficium adeptus fuerit vel infirmitate vel aliquo alio casu preveniatur, vel si dictas terras colere aut domos et redditus sustentare omiserit, licebit domino ac patrono dicte capelle ipsam capellam alicui capellano ydoneo per scriptum suum pro sua voluntate conferre post quadraginta dies, cum prefatus Robertus de Wenham curator ipsius vel amicus qui vellet defendere causam suam citatus fuisset coram Episcopo ad certum diem ad proponendum si quid rationabile pro se haberet quare dictus Robertus de Burwell' ad dictam cantariam non deberet admitti, et nullus omnino compareret, tandem dicto Roberto de Burwell' pro admissione sua ad dictam cantariam instante, et negotio aliquamdiu diverberato, Episcopus commisit eidem

¹ "Prior" in the text.

Roberto de Burwell' curam dicte cantarie et omnium pertinentium ad eandem , ac prefati Roberti de Wenham ut predictam cantariam agnoscat et de pertinentibus ad eandem ac de statu ejusdem Roberti de Wenham disponeret et ordinaret ut deceret , donec de eisdem foret aliter ordinatum . Et super hoc scriptum fuit Decano Hoyland' quod dictum Robertum de Burwell' permetteret interim commissa sibi curia in hoc parte gaudere.

HOLBEACH (Holbech'). R. Thomas of Goldsborough, rector of Kirton, p. by the Bishop of Durham to the church of Holbeach vacant by the death of Bartholomew Castle. Inst. at Nettleham, February 16, 1298, and had letters patent. The text of a letter of indulgence from Boniface VIII, granting to the said Thomas licence to hold in plurality the churches of Holbeach and Kirton, and dated at Orvieto, November 4, 1297, is given in full.

Thomas de Goldeburg rector ecclesie de Kirketon' in Hoyland' capellanus presentatus per dominum Antonium Episcopum Dunelm' ad ecclesiam de Holebech' vacantem per mortem Bartholomei de Castello ultimi rectoris ejusdem , facta prius inquisitione per Officalem W. Archidiaconi Lincoln' per quam , etc , ad dictam ecclesiam est admissus , et virtute privilegii sibi a sede apostolica concessi de dicta ecclesia de Holbech' simul cum prefata ecclesia de Kirketon' retinenda rector canonice institutus in eadem , XIII kalendas Martii anno XVIII apud Nettelham . Jurataque Episcopo canonica obediencia in forma consueta , scripum est dicto officiali quod , etc , et habet littere de institutione patentem . Sequitur tenor privilegii :— Bonifacius Episcopus servus servorum dei , dilecto filio Thome de Goldeburg presbitero rectori ecclesie de Kirketon' Lincoln' diocese salutem et apostolicam benedictionem . Licet ne quis plures ecclesias vel dignitates ecclesiasticas habeat , sacri concilii constitutio interdicat , illos tamen nonnunquam apostolice sedis benignitas ampliori prosequitur gracia quos novit nobilitate generis ac potentioribus meritis adjuvari . Porrecta siquidem nobis ex parte tua petitio continebat , quod olim ecclesiam de Kirketon' Lincoln' diocese curam animarum habentem canonice assecutus , postmodum ad ecclesiam de Holebech' ejusdem diocesis similem curam habentem per verum patronum ipsius ecclesie loci diocesano extitisti canonice presentatus . Qui ex certis causis prefatam ecclesiam de Holbech' tibi usque ad semestre temporis secundum formam constitutionis super hoc edite in ultimo Lugdunens' concilio commendavit , quam adhuc retinere dinosceris commendatam, licet tempus commende hujusmodi sit effluxum , propter quod tu ad retinendas licite predictas ecclesias dispensationis nostre graciā humiliter postulasti . Nos igitur devotionem et probitatem tuam non indigne pensantes et volentes te propter hoc favore prosequi graciosō , tuis devotis supplicationibus inclinati ,

ut insinul predictas ecclesias libere ac licite retinere valeas constitutione prefati concilii ac alia qualibet contraria necnon predicto tempore huiusmodi commende jam elapso nequaquam obstantibus , auctoritate tibi presentium indulgemus . Et ut fame tue consulatur plenius et saluti , omnem maculam seu infamiam et quemlibet aliam inhabilitatis notam et si quam ex retentione predictarum ecclesiarum ac perceptione fructuum earundem forsitan contraxisti , de apostolice plenitudine potestatis penitus abolentes , proviso quod prefate ecclesie debitis obsequiis non fraudentur , et animarum cura in eis quibus illa iminet nullatenus negligatur . Nulli ergo omnino hominum liceat hanc paginam nostre concessionis et abolitionis infringere vel ei ausu temerario contraire . Si quis autem hoc attemptare presumpserit , indignationem omnipotentis dei et beatorum apostolorum Petri et Pauli se noverit incursum . Datum apud Urbem Veterem IIII kalendas Novembris pontificatus nostri anno tertio.

WASHINGTON (Whassingburgh'). R. William de la Doune, subd., p. by King Edward as guardian of the lands of John, duke of Brittany, to the church of Washington vacant by the death of John called Reeve (Prepositus). Inst., Nettleham, February 25, 1298, and had letters patent.

BARNOLDBY (Bernolby). R. William of Colston (Colston'), ch., p. by Brother Nicholas, proctor-general in England of Beauport Abbey (de Bello portu in minori Britannia), to the church of Barnoldby vacant by the death of Master John Fraunk. Inst., Nettleham, March 3, 1298, and had letters patent.

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HAWERBY (Hawardby). R. Richard of Great Coates (Magna Cotes), ch., p. by Brother Nicholas, proctor-general in England of Beauport Abbey (de Bello portu in minori Britannia), to the church of Haverby vacant because William of Colston had been inst. to the church of Barnoldby. Inst., Nettleham, March 3, 1298, and had letters patent.

LOUTH (Augmentatio Vicarie de Luda). Note that William of Leighton, vicar of the prebendal church of Louth, had complained of the smallness of his stipend, and that the Bishop, with the consent of the prebendary, reduced an annual payment due from the said vicar to the said prebendary from twenty-four pounds to twenty. Stow Park. March 7, 1298.

In dei nomine amen . Cum dilectus in Christo filius Willelmus de Leycton' vicarius prebendalis ecclesie de Luda erga nos O. permissione divina Lincoln' Episcopum frequenti clamore instaret ,

ut vicariam suam quam nimis exilem et post ordinationem ejusdem valde depauperatam dicebat , augere , ut ex ea congrue posset vivere curaremus , constanteque nobis per certificatorium dilectorum in Christo filiorum H. subdiaconi et capituli ecclesie nostre Lincoln' quibus in hac parte scripsimus inter cetera , quod prebendarium dicte ecclesie de Luda monerent et efficaciter inducerent , ut hujusmodi defectum sic emendare studeret , quod prefato vicario vel suis successoribus non relinqueret justam materiem conquerendi , nobis missum , quod proventus dicte vicarie post ordinationem factam de eadem , notabiliter decreverunt , prefatam vicariam augendam , justicia suadente , fore censivimus . Sensus igitur dicti capituli et assensum nunc prebendarii dicte prebende in certificatorio memorato nobis intimatos , ac alia in hac parte ponderanda pensantes , vicarium dicte ecclesie et successores suos ibidem a prestatione quatuor librarum de viginti quatuor libris a loci vicario ejusdem ecclesie prebendario juxta primam ordinationem pretactam annuatim facienda exoneramus et alleviamus perpetuo in futurum . Ita quod vicarius dicte ecclesie qui pro tempore fuerit ipsius prebendario loco prioris prestationis viginti libras annuas dumtaxat decetero solvere teneatur . Actum apud Parcum Stowe , III nonas Martii anno domini M.CC. nonagesimo septimo.

ASWARDBY (Asewardeby). R. John of S. Edmund, pr., provided by Pope Boniface VIII to the church of Aswardby vacant by the death of Gilbert of Legbourne, who had died at Rome. After consultation with Master Benedict of Sleaford, who had been presented to the living, the Bishop admitted John to the living in the person of John son of Henry of S. Edmund, his proctor, and sent letters on his behalf to the Dean of Lafford. The admission was made at Stow Park, March 9, 1298.

III Nonas Martii anno XVIII apud Parcum Stowe Johannes filius Henrici de Sancto Edmundo clericus procurator Johannis de Sancto Edmundo presbiteri ut per quoddam procuratorium ab eo exhibitum apparebat , exhibuit Episcopo quasdam litteras apostolicas continentes dominum Bonifacium papam octavum ecclesiam de Asewardeby in Curia Romana vacantem per mortem Gilberti de Lekeburn' ultimi rectoris ejusdem decedentis in urbe , donationi apostolice reservasse infra tempus per moderationem quondam Gregorii pape decimi limitatum in concilio Lugdun' , irritum et inane decrevisse si quid contra reservationem hujusmodi a quoquam contingeret attemptari , et eandem ecclesiam taliter reservatam dicto Johanni de Sancto Edmundo presbitero auctoritate apostolica contulisse et providisse de illa , certis executoribus super hoc deputatis , qui Episcopo dederunt in mandatis quod dictum Johannem presbiterum ad dictam ecclesiam admitteret , et pro

ejusdem rectore haberet , et cetera faceret que in mandatis ipsorum plenius continetur . Episcopus vero habita deliberatione super premissis cum magistro Benedicto de Lafford' ad eandem ecclesiam presentato , prefatum procuratorem nomine domini sui predicti admisit ad ecclesiam antedictam , et ab eo canonicam obedienciam ratione ejusdem ecclesie pro dicto domino suo recepit nonis Martii anno et loco predicto . Et statim scripum fuit decano Lafford' sub hac forma :—O. etc , decano Lafford' etc . Quia Johannes filius Henrici de Sancto Edmundo procurator Johannis de Sancto Edmundo presbiteri ad ecclesiam de Asewardeby nostre diocesis eidem presbitero per nunc dominum papam collatam admisimus nomine domini sui predicti , canonicam obedienciam ratione dicte ecclesie pro ipso presbitero a procuratore recipientes eodem , Vobis significamus quod id quod ad vos qui collationis hujusmodi unus dicimini executor pertinet in hac parte exequamini prout decet . Datum apud Parcum Stowe nonis Martii anno domini M.CC. nonagesimo septimo.

SUTTERBY. R. Roger de Bysegge, subd., p. by the Prioress and Convent of Chester to the church of Sutterby vacant by the death of Ralph. Inst., Stow Park, March 11, 1298, and had letters patent.

AUTHORPE (Agthorpe). R. John of Willingham (Welingham), ch., p. by the prior of Burwell to the church of Authorpe vacant by the death of John. Inst., Nettleham, March 20, 1298, and had letters patent.

DEXTHORPE (Drexthorpe). R. Andrew of Cumberworth (Cumberwrth'), clerk in minor orders, p. by Sir Adam of Well (Welle), knight, to the church of Dexthorpe vacant by the death of William of Farlesthorpe. Ordained subd. and inst. at Lincoln, March 22, 1298.

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S. LEONARD'S PRIORY, GRIMSBY (Sancti Leonardi extra Grimesby). Note that Maud of Grafham, Sub-prioress, appeared before the Bishop at Waddington on March 30, 1298, for confirmation of her election as Prioress of S. Leonard's in succession to Agnes of Bradley who had died. According to the custom of the house, no licence to elect had been obtained. The Bishop declared the election valid as it had been carried out by inspiration of the Holy Ghost, and confirmed Maud in the office of Prioress.

Vacante domo monialium Sancti Leonardi extra Grimesby per mortem Agnetis de Bradele ultime priorisse ejusdem , Matildeque de Grafham suppriorissa domus ejusdem in ipsius priorissam ut dicebatur electa , nulla licencia eligendi prius petita quia non tenentur eam petere ut dicebant , demum processu electionis ejusdem

III kalendas Aprilis anno XVIII apud Wadington' exhibito Episcopo pro ipsius confirmatione habenda , et ad illum probandum duabus commonialibus dicte domus productis in testes , juratis , examinatis earumque dictis in scriptis redactis et postmodum pupplicatis , quia Episcopus invenit dictam electionem unanimi voluntate omnium de gremio dicti loci pretermisso tractatu et mora sublata post invocationem spiritus sancti repente quasi per inspirationem divinam in simplicitate et concordia de persona ydonea celebratam , illam auctoritate pontificali confirmavit , curam et administrationem tam spiritualium quam temporalium dicte domus dicte Matildi quatenus statui suo congruit committendo . Jurataque per eandem Matildem Episcopo et Officialibus suis canonica obediencia in forma consueta , scriptum fuit Officiali Archidiaconi Lincoln' quod id quod suum esset etc . et quod injungeret , etc.

HAUGHAM (Hagham). William le Vavasur, monk of the abbey of S. Severin, p. by Alice de Lacy, mother of the Earl of Lincoln and his representative during his absence, and upon the recommendation of the A. and C., to the priory of Haugham vacant by the death of William Luvel. Alice's letter is given in full. Although the Bishop objected to the way in which it was worded, he nevertheless confirmed the appointment and instituted William as Prior. Sleaford, April 3, 1298.

Vacante prioratu de Hagham per mortem fratris Willelmi Luvel ultimi prioris ejusdem , frater Willelmus le Vavasur monachus monasterii de Sancto Severo ad Episcopum personaliter accedens , exhibuit sibi litteram Abbatis et Conventus monasterii predicti sub hac forma :—Reverendo in Christo patri domino O. dei gracia Lincoln' Episcopo , sua devota filia Alesia de Lascy salutem cum honore et reverencia debitis tanto patri . Quia Abbas de Sancto Severo ordinis Sancti Benedicti et ejusdem loci conventus per litteras suas patentes fecerunt et ordinaverunt fratrem Willelmum le Vavasur commonachum suum priorem atque custodem prioratus de Hagham vestre diocesis qui est de advocacione dilecti filii mei Comititis Lincoln' , ego gerens vices ejusdem in hac parte in absentia sua dictorum Abbatis et conventus ordinationi consentiens , et dictum fratrem Willelmum ad regimen temporalium dicti prioratus reputans fore satis ydoneum , ipsum reverende paternitati vestre nomine predicti dilecti filii mei presento , devote supplicans quatinus quod vestrum est ulterius si placet benigne exequi velitis . Valeat reverenda vestra paternitas per tempora longiora . Datum apud Rowell' die Martis proxima post festum Sancti Gregorii anno domini M.CC. nonagesimo septimo . — Factaque inquisitione per Officiale W. Archidiaconi Lincoln' per quam , etc , demum III nonas Aprilis anno domini supradicto apud Lafford' , licet dicta littera presentatoria calumpniabilis videretur in hoc quod dicit Abbatem de

Sancto Severo ipsum fratrem Willelmum priorem ordinasse , ad dictum tamen prioratum est admissus dictus frater Willelmus le Vavasur , et prior in eo canonice institutus . Jurataque Episcopo canonica obediencia in forma consueta , scriptum est dicto Officiali quod ipsum corporalem possessionem dicti prioratus faceret habere , commonachisque ibidem commorantibus injungeret , quod eidem fratri Willelmo tanquam patri suo intenderent et plenius obedirent.

CAREBY CHANTRY. Henry of Adwick (Adewyk'), ch., p. by William of Bayeux (Baioeis) to the chantry of Careby vacant by the death of Richard. Inst., Newark, April 24, 1298. The inquisition held by the Official of the Archdeacon of Lincoln showed that the provision for the said chantry (which had existed from time immemorial) consisted of forty acres of arable land, twelve acres of meadow, twelve acres of woodland, thirty shillings of annual rent and a competent toft and curtilage.

QUARTODECIMO KALENDAS JUNII VIDELICET DIE SANCTI DUNSTANI ANNO DOMINI M^oCC^o NONAGESIMO OCTAVO , INCIPIT ANNUS PONTIFICATUS DOMINI OLIVERI EPISCOPI LINCOLN' NONUSDECIMUS.

DRIBY. R. Robert of Reston (Riston'), clerk in minor orders, p. by Hugh of Driby to the church of Driby vacant by the death of Geoffrey. Ordained subd. and inst. at Brampton near Huntingdon, May 31, 1298.

STAMFORD S. MICHAEL MAJOR (Sancti Michaelis Majoris Staunford'). R. Richard of Deeping (Deping'), clerk in minor orders, p. by the A. and C. of Crowland to the church of S. Michael Major vacant because Geoffrey of Yaxley (Jaxeley) had been instituted to Stoke Albany. Ordained subd. and inst. at Brampton, May 31, 1298.

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WEST KEAL (Westkele). R. Master John de Cubeldik', clerk in minor orders, p. by Ralph of Keal to the church of West Keal vacant by the death of Master Thomas of Foulden. The presentation was disputed by the A. and C. of Crowland who presented Richard of Keal but afterwards withdrew him. Ralph of Keal had also made an earlier presentation of Nicholas of Newbold, while William de Loseward and Anne, widow of Sir John of West Keal, describing themselves as proctors of the aforesaid Ralph, presented Alban son of Sir Simon Fitz Ralph. Eventually Master

John de Cubeldik' was ordained subd. and inst. at Brampton, May 31, 1296.

Vacante ecclesia de Westkele per mortem Magistri Thome de Fuldun' ultimi rectoris ejusdem , Willelmus de Loseward' et Anna relictæ domini Johannis de Westkele procuratores Radulphi de Kele absentis ut dicebant , Albanum filium domini Simonis filii Radulphi clericum ex parte una , et Abbas et Conventus Croyland' Ricardum de Cheyle clericum ex altera , ad eandem ecclesiam Episcopo presentarunt . Factisque inquisitionibus per Officiale Archidiaconi Lincoln' per quas , etc , dictus Radulphus Nicholaum de Neubold' clericum primo et postmodum Magistrum Johannem de Cubeldik' clericum ad dictam ecclesiam presentavit , presentationes per dictos procuratores suos et per ipsum prius factas revocando expresse per litteram ipsius patentem , dictique Abbas et Conventus presentationi de dicto Magistro Johanne facte illa vice adhibuerunt consensum per litteram suam patentem , salva sibi presentatione ad ipsam cum illa vacare contingeret iterato , factaque inquisitione per dictum Officiale ad presentationem factam de dicto Magistro Johanne , per quam inquisitionem , etc , idem Magister Johannes II idus¹ Junii anno XIX apud Brampton' juxta Hunt' in subdiaconatum ordinatus ad dictam ecclesiam est admissus eisdem die , anno et loco , et rector canonice institutus in eadem . Jurataque Episcopo canonica obediencia in forma consueta , scriptum est dicto Officiali quod , etc.

HACONBY (Hacumby). R. Simon of Stiffkey (Stivekeya), ch., p. by Sir Thomas de Hanvile, knight, to the church of Haconby vacant by the death of Hugh of Altemont (de Alto Monte). Inst., the Old Temple, London, June 26, 1298, and had letters patent.

GRANTHAM (Graham). R. Master Richard Battle (de Bello) p. by the Bishop of Salisbury (whose letter is given in full) to the prebend of Grantham Australis vacant because Master Peter de Gurmville had received another prebend in the diocese of Salisbury. Richard brought his letter to the Bishop of Lincoln at Theydon Mount, June 16, 1298, and was inst. at the Old Temple, London, on June 27. He had letters patent.

Vacante medietate ecclesie de Graham que prebenda australis vocatur per hoc quod Magister Petrus de Gurmville ultimus rector ejusdem aliam prebendam in ecclesia Sarr' admisit , ex parte Magistri Ricardi de Bello exhibita fuit Episcopo XVI kalendas Julii , anno domini M.CC. nonagesimo octavo apud Theyden ad montem littera venerabilis patris domini Simonis dei gracia Sarr' Episcopi sub hac forma : — Venerabili in Christo patri et

¹ Sic. The ordinations however took place on May 31.

domino si placet semper karissimo domino O. dei gracia Episcopo Lincoln', N¹ ecclesie Sarr' permissione divina minister salutem et sue possibilitatis obsequium cum omni reverencia et honore . Cum prebendam de Graham quam nuper optinuit in ecclesia nostra Sarr' Magister Petrus de Gorevil' vacantem per admissionem alterius prebende in ecclesia nostra predicta , dilecto in Christo filio Magistro Ricardo de Bello intuitu contulerimus caritatis , sibi que stallum in choro et locum in capitulo nostro ipsius prebende nomine fecerimus assignari , ipsum vobis ad eandem que in diocese vestra consistit duximus presentandum , paternitatem vestram attente rogantes quatinus eundem Magistrum Ricardum ad eam benignius admittatis , quod vestrum est in hac parte si placet favorabiliter exequentes . Valeat reverenda paternitas vestra ad regimen ecclesie sue sancte per tempora diuturna . Datum apud Poterne , IIII idus Junii Anno domini M.CC. nonagesimo octavo . — Ad quam quidem presentationem facta inquisitione per² Officiale Archidiaconi Lincoln' per quam , etc . dictus Magister Ricardus coram Episcopo personaliter constitutus ad dictam medietatem ecclesie de Graham que prebenda australis vocatur , ut predicatur , est admissus V kalendas Julii anno XIX apud Vetus Templum London' , et rector canonice institutus in eadem , jurataque Episcopo canonica obediencia in forma consueta , Scriptum est dicto Officiali quod , etc , et habet litteram de institutione sua patentem .

WEST RAVENDALE (Westravendale). V. Thomas of Fillingham (Filingham), ch., p. by the prior of Ravendale, proctor-general in England of the abbot and convent of Beauport, to the vicarage of West Ravendale vacant because Richard of Great Coates (Magna Cotes) had been inst. to the church of Hawerby. Inst., Wooburn near Wycombe, July 5, 1298.

SEMPRINGHAM (Sempingham'), MASTERSHIP OF THE ORDER. Entry concerning the election and confirmation of the Master of the Order of Sempringham. On the death of Roger of Bolingbroke, the general chapter of the order proceeded to elect Philip of Barton, prior of S. Edmund's, Cambridge, to the office of Master. Philip appeared before Bishop Sutton at Banbury on July 31, 1298, accompanied by Gilbert prior of S. Katherine's, Lincoln, and Walter prior of Chicksand, who acted as proctors for the prior of Sempringham and the general chapter. Philip brought letters of presentation from the general chapter (these are given in full). When these had been read, the two proctors made a declaration that the election had been carried out according to the precepts of the papal indulgence to the order, and that they were not proposing to make any unreasonable claims upon the bishop beyond

¹ *Sic.*² Blank in MS.

the limits of this indulgence. (Both the declaration and the appropriate clause of the indulgence are given in full.) The bishop replied by declaring that if he should accidentally omit any necessary part of his claims or ceremonial, he did not wish such omission to be drawn into a precedent. He then confirmed the election of Philip of Barton (the words of the confirmation and a description of the ceremony are given in full). Philip then read his profession of obedience to the bishop (given in full), subscribed to it with his own hand, and put it on the altar of the chapel of Banbury Castle, in which the ceremonies took place. He then received letters patent from the bishop (given in full). The proceedings were witnessed by the following :—the Archdeacons of Huntingdon and Stow ; William of Stockton and Hugh of Normanton, canons of Lincoln ; Robert of Kibworth, William of Acre and John de Scalby, priests ; Hugh of Harwood, deacon ; John of Clipston, notary public ; the priors of S. Katherine's, Lincoln, and Chicksand, with two other Gilbertine canons ; Master William of Habton, rector of Stapleford, John of Harrington, and others. Banbury Castle, July 31, 1298.

Fratre Rogero de Bulingbrok' Magistro ordinis de Sempingham vita functo , fratreque Philippo de Barton' priore domus Sancti Edmundi Cantebri' in Magistrum ejusdem ordinis electo , Prior de Sempingham et ejusdem ordinis capitulum generale dictum fratrem Philippum electum II kalendas Augusti anno domini M.CC. nonagesimo octavo apud Bannebir' episcopo presentarunt per ipsorum patentem litteram formam que sequitur continentem : — Reverendo patri in Christo ac domino karissimo domino Olivero dei gracia Lincoln' Episcopo , devotissimi sui Johannes Prior de Sempingham' et capitulum ejusdem ordinis generale salutem in domino cum omni reverencia et honore tanto patri debitis . Cum ecclesia nostra de Sempingham' nuper sicut domino placuit per mortem venerabilis patris nostri domini Rogeri quondam Magistri ejusdem ordinis pastoris solacio fuerit destituta (*Folio 239.*) corpore ejusdem religiosi patris nostri honorifice sicut decuit tradito sepulture , vocatis et presentibus postmodum in eadem ecclesia termino ad celebrandum electionem prestituto omnibus qui debuerunt , voluerunt et potuerunt commode electioni interesse , nos de substitutione futuri pastoris nostri sollicitius curantes et vota nostra studiosius adinvicem conferentes , tandem in dominum Philippum Priorem Sancti Edmundi Cantebri' virum honestum , modestum , ac in temporalibus et spiritualibus circumspectum , per electionem canonicam juxta statuti concilii generalis unanimiter consensum et concorditer consentimus ut idem ecclesie nostre et nobis preficiatur in magistrum et pastorem , quem reverende paternitati vestre per dominos Gilbertum priorem Sancte Katerine extra Lincoln' et Walterum priorem de Chicksand' quos procuratores

nostros ad id in forma debita petendum constituimus , humiliter et devote presentamus , officii plenitudinem a vobis juxta sedis apostolice nobis indulta , et benedictionis gratiam quam magistri nostri percipere consueverant , percepturum . Hoc idem quibuscumque vices vestras gerentibus tenore presentium significamus . Datum apud Sempingham' , X kalendas Augusti anno domini M.CC. nonagesimo octavo . — Qua in capella castri Bannebir' die predicto post missam de die decantatam in presencia Episcopi recitata , ex parte predictorum prioris et Capituli recitata fuit quedam protestatio sub hac forma : — In dei nomine, amen . Coram vobis reverendo patre domino Olivero dei gracia Lincoln' Episcopo , nos fratres Gilbertus prior Sancte Katherine extra Lincoln' et Walterus prior de Chikesand' procuratores capituli generalis de Sempingham pro nobis et pro Electo nostro protestamur , quod ad omnia que secundum indulgentiam sedis apostolice nobis competit vobis facere seu a vobis petere vel recipere in hoc negotio electionis nostre , humiliter et devote promptos nos offerimus et paratos , protestantes quod nichil aliud nec aliter a vobis intendimus¹ petere seu recipere . Quod si forsân per simplicitatem vel ignoranciam secus in aliqua parte fuerit attemptatum , id non intendimus nec habere volumus pro facto . Actum et factum apud Bannebir' II kalendas Augusti anno gracie M.CC. nonagesimo octavo . — Episcopus vero vice versa pro se et successoribus suis mox protestabatur expresse , quod si ipse in eodem confirmationis negotio aliquid omitteret quod ad officium suum et episcopalem dignitatem quomodolibet pertinere deberet , vel minus in aliquo faceret quam deberet , nollet quod illud ad consequenciam vel prejudicium aliquod aliquammodo traheretur , vel cederet in futurum . Deinde recitata clausula papalis indulti de quo littera prescripta facit mentionem , cujus tenor talis est : — Adicimus preterea ut ei qui a vobis in Magistrum ordinis vestri electus fuerit . fratres et sorores obedienciam continuo promittant , qui diocesano Episcopo postmodum presentetur , ab ipso sine aliqua difficultate vel quocumque discussionis examine officii plenitudinem et benedictionis gratiam quam Magistri vestri consueverunt recipere recepturus . Quod si forsân idem Episcopus cum devotione humiliter requisitus super hoc se difficilem exhibuerit , idem Magister nichilominus presentis privilegii et gracie nostre fretus presidio , officio et loco Magistri in omnibus et per omnia plene fungatur , et curam ordinis vestri gerens non obstante contradictione cujuscumque in temporalibus et spiritualibus sine confirmatione alia libere administret , a quocumque superiore maluerit predictam gratiam sine examinatione aliqua cum sibi commodum fuerit recepturus . — Episcopus post deliberationem cum clericis suis habitam in hac parte , salva protestatione sua premissa ad confirmationem electionis dicti fratris Philippi electi processit in hunc modum : — In dei nomine amen . Quia

¹ In the text the words 'a vobis' are repeated after 'intendimus.'

nos Oliverus permissione divina Lincoln' Episcopus accepimus electionem factam de religioso viro fratre Philippo priore Sancti Edmundi Cantebrig' in magistrum ordinis de Sempingham' electo tanquam de persona ydonea canonice celebratam , ipsam auctoritate pontificali confirmamus , sibi per hanc nostram confirmationem plenitudinem sui officii conferentes , ac curam et sollicitudinem predicti ordinis committentes eidem , Salvis in omnibus episcopalibus consuetudinibus et ecclesie nostre Lincoln' dignitate . Quo facto , et ympno *Te Deum Laudamus* statim post confirmationem lectam decantato , prestitaque benedictione simpliciter cum unica oratione , scilicet , *Concede quesimus omnipotens deus* dictus frater Philippus confirmatus canonicam obedienciam Episcopo promisit et professionem legit ore proprio sub hac forma : — Ego frater Philippus Magister ordinis de Sempingham promitto vobis domino O. Episcopo Lincoln' et vestris successoribus canonicam obedienciam et debitam , salvis ordine meo et omnibus privilegiis , libertatibus et indulgenciis nostris , et hoc pro parochialibus ecclesiis tantum , quas ego ac Priores et conventus domorum ordinis nostri in vestra diocese in usus proprios possidemus . — Postmodum libellum sponsonis sue ad altare in dicta capella optulit et manu sua propria in eodem subscripsit . Demum Episcopus dicto fratri Philippo Magistro confirmato per librum (*Folio 239v.*) tradidit curam et sollicitudinem dicti ordinis cum suis juribus et pertinentiis , ac dictus Magister ad manus Episcopi librum apprehendens , obedienciam canonicam in forma predicta iuravit , osculato libro humiliter et devote . Huic autem processui toto interfuerunt ex parte Episcopi Magistri Walterus de Wutton' Huntingdon' et Gocelinus de Kirnington' de Stowe Archidiaconi , domini Willelmus de Stokton' et Hugo de Normanton Canonici Lincoln' , Robertus de Kibwrth' , Willelmus de Acra , et J. de Scalleby presbiteri , Hugo de Harwod' diaconus et Johannes de Clipston' publicus notarius ac alii plures tam extranei quam de familia Episcopi antedicti . Ex parte vero Magistri interfuerunt fratres Gilbertus Sancte Katerine et Walterus de Chikesand' priores et alii duo canonici , ac Magistri Willelmus de Habton' Rector ecclesie de Stapilford' et Johannis de Harington' . Habuit etiam dictus Magister quamdam litteram patentem sub hac forma : — Universis sancte matris ecclesie filiis ad quos presens littera pervenerit , Oliverus permissione divina Lincoln' Episcopus salutem in domino sempiternam . Cum conventuali ecclesia de Sempingham' nuper sicut domino placuit per mortem religiosi viri domini Rogeri quondam Magistri ejusdem ordinis pastoris solacio destituta , capitulum ejusdem ordinis in quem per electionem canonicam juxta statuta concilii generalis unanimiter consenserant , nobis concorditer litteris suis patentibus hec omnia continentibus presentarent et nos quia acceperamus dictam electionem de persona ydonea canonice celebratam eam auctoritate pontificali duximus confirmandam , sibi per nostram confirmationem plenitudinem

sui officii conferentes et curam ac sollicitudinem predicti ordinis tam in spiritualibus quam temporalibus committentes eidem . Salvis in omnibus episcopalibus consuetudinibus et Lincoln' ecclesie dignitate . In cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostrum presentibus litteris est appensum . Datum apud Bannebir' II kalendas Augusti anno domini M.CC. nonagesimo octavo.

GRANTHAM (Graham). R. Master Henry of Nassington, canon of Salisbury, p. by the Bishop of Salisbury (whose letter is given in full) to the Prebend of Grantham Australis vacant because Master Richard Battle had received another prebend in the diocese of Salisbury. The usual inquisition was omitted as being needless in this instance. Henry was inst. at Buckden, August 26, 1298, and had letters patent. The Dean of Grantham was ordered to sequesterate all the revenues of the said prebend from August 11-26, and to take care of them until he should receive further instructions.

Vacante medietate ecclesie de Graham que prebenda australis vocatur per hoc quod Magister Ricardus de Bello ultimus rector ejusdem aliam prebendam in ecclesia Sarr' admisit, Magister Henricus de Nassington' canonicus Sarr' IX kalendas Septembris anno domini M.CC. nonagesimo octavo apud Bukkeden' litteram domini . . . ¹ Sarr' Episcopi Lincoln' Episcopo exhibuit sub hac forma : — Venerabili in Christo patri ac domino si placet semper karissimo domino O. dei gracia Lincoln' Episcopo, N.² permissione divina Sarr' ecclesie minister salutem et sue possibilitatis obsequium cum omni reverencia et honore . Cum prebendam australem de Graham quam optinuit in ecclesia nostra Sarr' Magister Ricardus de Bello vacantem, dilecto in Christo filio Magistro Henrico de Nassington' intuitu contulerimus caritatis, sibique stallum in choro et locum in capitulo fecerimus ipsius prebende nomine assignari, ipsum vobis ad eandem quatenus in vestra diocese et vestre jurisdictioni subjecta consistit, duximus presentandum, paternitatem vestram attente rogantes quatinus eundem Magistrum Henricum ad eum benignius admittatis, quod vestrum est in hac parte si placet favorabiliter exequentes . Valeat reverenda paternitas vestra ad regimen ecclesie sue sancte per tempora longiora . Datum apud Remmesbir' III idus Augusti anno domini M.CC. nonagesimo octavo . — Ex licet ad presentationes factas ad dictam medietatem temporibus retroactis convenissent et debuissent fieri inquisitiones per Archidiaconum Lincoln' seu ipsius Officiale super contingentibus statum medietatis ejusdem secundum articulos consuetos, contemplatione tamen dicti Magistri Henrici cujus conditiones fuerunt dicto Lincoln' Episcopo tanquam sui clerici familiaris satis note, de gracia speciali omissa fuit inquisitio ea vice precipue cum constaret sufficienter de omnibus requirendis in hoc casu,

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² Sic.

et inquisitio ad presentationem factam de dicto Magistro Ricardo in proximo facta fuisset . Unde idem Magister Henricus ad dictam medietatem que prebenda australis vocatur ut predicatur admissus fuit VII kalendas Septembris anno domini supradicto apud Bukeden' et rector canonice institutus in eadem . Jurataque Episcopo canonica obediencia in forma consueta scriptum fuit Officiali Archidiaconi Lincoln' quod , etc . Et dictus Magister Henricus habuit litteram de institutione patentem sub forma quam habuit Magister Willelmus de Berges rector alterius medietatis ecclesie predictae . Et scriptum fuit Decano de Graham quod omnes fructus dicte medietatis provenientes a III idus Augusti predictis usque ad diem institutionis prefatum sequestraret et sequestratos custodiret , donec aliud in mandatis haberet.

SKIDBROOKE (Skitebrok'). V. Gilbert de Mandeville (Maundevile), pr., p. by the A. and C. of Torre in Devon (Thorre) to the vicarage of Skidbrooke vacant by the death of Robert. Inst., Buckden, September 20, 1298.

BASSINGHAM (Basingham). R. Master Hugh of ? Manthorpe (Memthorp'), subd., p. by Sir Thomas of Moulton and Sir William of Stanton, knights, John de Musters and Lady Lucy Peche widow of Sir Thomas of Frampton to the church of Basingham vacant because Master Henry of Newark, the last rector, had been consecrated Archbishop of York. The presentation was opposed by William of Middleton, who put forward John of Husthwaite but afterwards withdrew him. Hugh was inst. at Peterborough, October 1, 1298.

Vacante ecclesia de Basingham per consecrationem Magistri Henrici de Neuwerk ultimi rectoris ejusdem in Archiepiscopum Ebor', dominus Thomas de Multon' dominus Willelmus de Staunton milites , Johannes de Musters et domina Lucia Peche relicta domini Thome de Frampton' Magistrum Hugonem de Memthorp' ex parte una, et Willelmus de Middelton' Johannem de Hustthwayt clericum ex adverso ad eandem ecclesiam presentarunt , factisque inquisitionibus per Officiale (*Folio* 240.) . . . ¹ Archidiaconi Lincoln' ad presentationes predictas , per quas , etc , exhibita etiam Episcopo littera patenti Willelmi de Middelton' antedicti per quam presentationem per ipsum factam revocavit , presentationi de dicto Magistro Hugone facte consentiendo , ipsamque ratificando et etiam acceptando , salvo sibi jure presentandi ad dictam ecclesiam cum illam vacare contingerit iterato , demum dictus Magister Hugo in ordinem subdiaconatus constitutus , ad dictam ecclesiam est admissus kalendis Octobris anno XIX apud Burgum Sancti Petri et rector canonice institutus in eadem . Jurataque Episcopo canonica obediencia in forma consueta , scriptum est dicto Officiali quod , etc.

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WEST RASEN (Westrasen'). R. William of Rasen, subd., p. by the P. and C. of Holy Trinity, York, to the church of West Rasen vacant by the death of Master Thomas of Monkgate (Munkegat). Inst., Nettleham, November 15, 1298, and had letters patent.

RAITHBY BY LOUTH (Raytheby). R. Ralph of Hackthorn (Hakethorn'), ch., p. by Sir Peter of Legbourne (Lekeburn'), knight, to the church of Raithby vacant by the death of Hugh of Cave. Inst., Nettleham, November 16, 1298.

ALVINGHAM AND NORTH COCKERINGTON (Alvingham et Cokerington). V. Simon of Anderby (Andreby), ch., p. by the P. and C. of Alvingham to the vicarages of Alvingham and North Cockerington vacant by the death of Thomas. Inst., Nettleham, November 22, 1298.

BURWELL (Burwell'). V. William of Somerby (Sumeredby), ch., p. by Peter, prior of Burwell, to the vicarage of Burwell vacant by the death of Robert. Inst., Nettleham, November 24, 1298.

HATTON (Hatton'). R. William Lymachun, ch., p. by Sir William Le Breton, knight, to the church of Hatton vacant by the death of Thomas the last rector, the lapse of a term since the church was commended to Robert of Leverton, and the death of Master William of Friskney who had originally been presented. William Lymachun was inst. at Newark, December 1, 1298.

STICKFORD (Stikeford'). R. Note that, when the mediety of the church of Stickford fell vacant by the death of Peter of Harmby, the patron of the living, Hamund of Boulogne, presented Master Giles of Appleby the rector of the other mediety. The Bishop received letters (given in full) from the P. and C. of Markby, from Hamund of Boulogne and from the subdean and chapter of Lincoln, giving their consent to the reunion of the two medieties provided that such reunion should not be allowed to prejudice the future claims of the patrons. Giles was therefore inst. as rector of the whole of the living of Stickford at Newark, December 3, 1298. He received from the Bishop letters patent, which are given in full, concerning his institution.

Vacante medietate ecclesie de Stikeford' quam Petrus de Herneby ultimo tenuit per mortem Petri ejusdem, Hamundus de Bolon' patronus medietatis ipsius Magistrum Egidium de Appelby rectorem alterius medietatis ad dictam medietatem vacantem ut premittitur presentavit, factaque inquisitione per Officialem W. Archidiaconi

Lincoln' per quam , etc , receptis litteris patentibus Prioris et Conventus de Markeby , ac dicti Hamundi diete ecclesie de Stikeford' patronorum per quas in unionem dictarum medietatum per Episcopum faciendam consenserunt , ac etiam littera capituli Lincoln' per quam pro unione hujusmodi facienda instabat , quarum litterarum omnium sunt tenores . — Reverendo patri in Christo et domino karissimo domino O. dei gracia Lincoln' Episcopo . sui in omnibus devoti filii frater R. prior de Markeby et ejusdem loci conventus salutem cum omni obediencia , reverencia et honore . Attendentes quod Magister Egidius clericus noster , qui dudum ad nostram presentationem in medietate ecclesie de Stikeford' canonice extitit institutus , nunc ad aliam ipsius ecclesie medietatem vacantem per Hamundum de Bolon' ipsius patronum sit noviter presentatus , simulque considerantes tam modicarum portionum unionem in ipsius Magistri personam optime convenire , si de nostra processerit voluntate , non solum in hujusmodi unionem hac vice unanimiter consentimus , sed etiam ipsam per vos fieri corditer supplicamus , ut sic inibi fiat unum ovile et unus pastor ad dei laudem et salutem animarum , salva nobis nihilominus potestate cum dictam ecclesiam vacare contigerit , ad ipsam separabiliter presentandi , etiam si prefatus Hamundus vel heredes sui in clericum per nos presentandum noluerint consentire . In cujus rei testimonium vobis has litteras patentes curavimus destinare . Datum apud Markeby in festo Sancti Andree apostoli anno (*Folio 240v.*) gracia M.CC. nonagesimo octavo . — Item . — Venerabili in Christo patri domino Olivero dei gracia Lincoln' Episcopo , suus humilis et devotus H. de Bolonia , salutem reverenciam et honorem . Attendens causam divisioni ecclesie de Stikeford' in cujus medietate jus advocationis habeo hoc solum prestitisse , quod Prior et Conventus de Markeby comportionarii mei in eadem ecclesia clerico per me presentato aliquando non consenserunt cum tamen longe melius et honestius per unum quam per duos propter proventuum ipsius ecclesie exilitatem regi posset sicut regi consuevit proximis temporibus retroactis interdum cum Magister Egidius ad presentationem Prioris et Conventus de Markeby pro una medietate jam pridem institutus ad aliam medietatem nunc ultimo sit presentatus , ut idem Magister Egidius ad dictam ecclesiam integre admitti et institui valeat in eadem , salvo michi jure meo si forte ego et comportionarii mei in eadem ecclesia in proxima vacatione ejusdem futura in unam personam presentandam non convenerimus , meum plenius assensum prebeo ista vice . In cujus rei testimonium vobis istas litteras sigillo meo signatas transmittito patentes . Datum apud Stikeford' in crastino Sancti Andree anno domini M.CC. nonagesimo octavo . — Item . Reverendo in Christo patri et domino , domino O. dei gracia Lincoln' Episcopo , sui humiles et devoti H. subdecanus et capitulum ecclesie Lincoln' salutem cum omnimoda obediencia , reverencia pariter et honore . Cum Magister Egidius ecclesie de Stikeford' portionarius

ad aliam medietatem ejusdem ecclesie de facto vacantem per verum et legitimum patronum paternitati vestre sit presentatus , attendentes a nonnullis dictas portiones infra decennium proxime preteritum fuisse consolidatas , et curam dicte parochie utraque portione solidam fore et indivisam , voluntatesque medietatum dicte ecclesie patronorum in prefatis portionibus seu medietatibus coadunandis propter nimiam exilitatem earundem , dum tamen vester affuerit consensus , concordem existere et spontaneas in hac parte , paternitatem vestram rogamus et requirimus quatenus rationibus ut premittitur ponderatis , dictas portiones unire et consolidare , dictumque Egidium prece nostra aliquid suffragante , in solidum ad dictam ecclesiam admittere velitis , et in eadem instituere intuitu caritatis , prefatum Egidium mores¹ et sciencia necnon et sua inter nos et in studio conversatio satis commendabilem , ad ecclesiam sepe dictam et majorem prout didicimus representant . Valeat reverenda paternitas vestra in Christo et virgine gloriosa . — Episcopo III nonas Decembris anno XIX apud Neuwerk' honestate morum et litterarum scienciam super quibus dictus Magister Egidius commendabatur a multis , necnon exilitatem proventuum dicte ecclesie , et quod eadem ecclesia per unum rectorem pro aliquo tempore retroacto integre regebatur , attendens medietatem predictam vacantem medietati prefate quam dictus Magister Egidius tenuit in ecclesia predicta de consensu patronorum predictorum et ad instanciam capituli predicti propter dicte ecclesie utilitatem per eundem Magistrum Egidium ut credebatur procurandam pro tempore ipsius Magistri Egidii annectebat , seu medietates uniebat easdem , ipsius ecclesie regimen eidem Magistro Egidio integraliter committendo , Ita tamen quod cedente vel decedente dicto Magistro Egidio predictis patronis per factum ipsius Episcopi quantum ad jus presentandi divisim si voluerint nullum penitus generaretur prejudicium in futurum . Et super hoc scriptum fuit Officiali Archidiaconi Lincoln' quod dictum Magistrum Egidium corporalem possessionem dicte ecclesie sic unite faceret cum integritate habere . Et habet litteram de institutione patentem sub hac forma :— Oliverus permissione divina Lincoln' Episcopus , dilecto in Christo filio Magistro Egidio de Appelby in ecclesia de Stikeford' , nostre diocesis pro medietate ad presentationem prioris et conventus de Markeby per nos instituto , salutem , gratiam et benedictionem . Honestatem morum et litterarum scienciam super quibus a pluribus commendaris , necnon exilitatem proventuum dicte ecclesie , et quod per unum rectorem pro aliquo tempore retroacto regebatur integre attendentes , reliquam medietatem ipsius ecclesie vacantem , ad quam per Hamundum de Bolon' nobis presentatus existis , medietati predictae quam tenes in eadem ecclesia concurrente consensu expresso Prioris et Conventus de Markeby , ac Hamundi de Bolon' predictorum dicte ecclesie

¹ Sic. 'Mores,' 'sciencia,' 'conversatio' all in the nominative.

patronorum , capituloque nostro Lincoln' ad hoc instante propter dicte ecclesie utilitatem per te sicut creditur procurandam , tuo perpetuo annectimus , seu medietates unimus easdem , ipsius ecclesie regimen tibi integraliter committentes . Ita tamen quod te cedente vel decedente predictis patronis per hoc factum nostrum quantum ad jus presentandi divisim si voluerint , nullum penitus generetur prejudicium in futurum . In cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostrum presentibus est appensum . Datum apud Neuwerk , III nonas Decembris anno domini M.CC. nonagesimo octavo.

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CLEE. V. Peter of Tealby (Tevelby), pr., p. by the A. and C. of Grimsby to the vicarage of Clee vacant by the death of Philip. Inst., Liddington, December 14, 1298, and had letters patent.

KEDDINGTON (Kedington'). V. Richard of Aswardby (Assewardeby), clerk in minor orders (later ordained subd. and d.), p. by the P. and C. of Alvingham to the vicarage of Keddington vacant because John, the last vicar, had been inst. to the church of Authorpe (Agthorp'). Inst., Liddington, December 20, 1298.

SOUTH CADEBY (Cateby). V. John of Filey (Fyvele), ch., p. by the P. and C. of Sixhills to the vicarage of South Cadeby vacant by the death of Thomas. Inst., Liddington, December 20, 1298.

TOFT NEXT NEWTON (Toft). R. Robert of Harton, ch., rep. by the P. and C. of Sixhills to the church of Toft vacant because the said Robert, previously instituted, had obtained other preferment. Inst., Liddington, December 20, 1298, and had letters patent. (No mention is made of a dispensation to hold in plurality, and there is nothing to suggest that Robert resigned the second benefice.)

THORNTON-BY-HORNCASTLE (Thornton'). V. Richard of Bromsgrove (Brimesgrave), pr., p. by the D. and C. of Lichfield to the church of Thornton-by-Horncastle vacant by the death of John of Empingham. Inst., Liddington, December 26, 1298.

WILSFORD (Wyvelesford'). Note that John de Sauvarvilla, monk of Bec, appeared before the Bishop at Liddington on January 11, 1299, bearing letters of presentation (given in full) from the abbot of Bec. These letters presented the said John to the priory of Wilsford in succession to Walter de Pont Audemar, whose letter of resignation, on the grounds of ill-health, is given in full. The Bishop accepted the presentation and inst. John as prior. No inquisition was held, since it was not customary.

Memorandum quod III idus Januarii anno domini M.CC. nonagesimo octavo apud Lidington' venit frater Johannes de Sauvarvilla monachus monasterii beate Marie de Becco Helwyni deferens Episcopo quamdam litteram sub hac forma: — Reverendo patri in Christo et domino O. permissione divina Lincoln' Episcopo suus si placet frater Walterus de ponte Audem' dudum prioratus de Wyvelesford' prior et obediens filius salutem et tam debitam quam devotam reverenciam et obedienciam cum honore . Curam administrationis seu regiminis prioratus de Wyvelesford' predictam quam per presentationem venerabilis et religiosi viri domini Abbatis de Becco Helewyni vestre paternitati reverende pro nobis factam recepimus , in manus vestras sacratas tanquam impotentes si placet resignamus per presentes , supplicantes devote quatinus absenciam nostram non affectatam nec maliciose excogitatam , set ut deus novit valitudine impeditam , habere velitis excusatam . Valeat vestra dominatio et paternitas in domino . In cujus rei testimonium sigillum prioratus predicti presentibus apponi fecimus . Datum apud Wyvelesford' die veneris proxima post festum Epiphanie domini , anno ejusdem M.CC. nonagesimo octavo . — Exhibuit etiam dictus frater Johannes litteram aliam sub hac forma: — Reverendo in Christo patri ac domino , domino Olivero dei gracia Lincoln' Episcopo , Ymerus permissione divina humilis Abbas monasterii beate Marie de Becco Helwyni salutem in domino sempiternam cum omni reverencia et honore. Ad prioratum nostrum de Wyvelesford' ad nostram presentationem spectantem dilectum in Christo filium fratrem Johannem de Sauvarvilla commonachum nostrum exhibitorem presentium , paternitati vestre presentamus , supplicantes humiliter et devote quatinus dictum fratrem Johannem ad prioratum predictum admittere et in eodem instituere prout moris est velitis . Valeat vestra paternitas reverenda bene et diu in (*Folio 241v.*) domino nostro Jesu Christo . Datum anno domini M.CC. nonagesimo octavo die Mercurii proxima post festum conceptionis Beate Marie Virginis gloriose . — Episcopus vero resignationis dicti fratris Walteri admittens , prefatum fratrem Johannem nulla premissa inquisitione quia non consuevit premitteri , ad dictum prioratum admisit , et priorem instituit in eodem , cura et administratione ipsius prioratus sibi plenius commissa . Jurataque per dictum fratrem Johannem Priorem Episcopo et Officialibus suis canonica obediencia in forma consueta , scriptum fuit Officiali Archidiaconi Lincoln' quod id quod suum esset in hoc parte juxta preteriti temporis morem exequi non tardaret . Acta sunt hac III idus Januarii anno domini et loco predictis.

POTTER HANWORTH (Hanewrth'). R. Oliver d'Eyncurt (de Eyncurt) rep. to the church of Potter Hanworth by the P. and C. of Thurgarton *de consilio Episcopi ex causa secreta sibi*

(*sc. Olivero*) *per eundem Episcopum intimata*. Inst. (presumably at Liddington), January 12, 1299, and had letters patent.

GREETHAM (Gretham). R. Collation to Richard of Toyn-ton, pr., by the Bishop (as patron of the living) of the church of Greetham vacant because the Bishop had conferred the living of Winwick upon Master Nicholas of Appletree, proctor of Robert of Warsop the last rector, who was at the Court of Rome. The institution was carried out at Biggleswade, March 16, 1299, in the presence of the Archdeacon of Stow, the Bishop's official, and Robert of Killingworth, canons of Lincoln.

Vacante ecclesia de Gretham que est de patronatu Episcopi per hoc quod Magister Nicholaus de Apeltr' procurator domini Roberti de Warsop' ultimi rectoris ejusdem in Curia Romana existentis post institutionem ipsius domini Roberti in eadem, ecclesiam de Wyne-wyk de patronatu Episcopi existentem ex ipsius episcopi collatione admisit specialem ad hoc optinens potestatem idem Episcopus XVII kalendas Aprilis anno XIX apud Bikkeleswad' eandem ecclesiam de Gretham Ricardo de Tynton presbitero contulit intuitu caritatis, presentibus Magistris G. Archidiacono Stowe, N. de Wytechirch' Officiales Episcopi et Roberto de Kivelingwrth' canonicis Lincoln'.

CREETON (Creton'). R. John of Eston (Eston'), ch., p. by William son of Richard of Lyndon (Lindon') to the church of Creeton vacant by the res. of Master Henry Sampson the elder. Inst. at the Old Temple, London, March 22, 1299.

ANDERBY. R. Letter from the subdean of Lincoln, addressed to the Bishop, concerning a dispute between Master William of Greendale and Peter of Chichester as to which of them was the rightful claimant to the living of Anderby. The subdean quotes in full two letters from Bishop Sutton:—

(1) A letter appointing the subdean and the Archdeacon of Bedford commissaries to investigate the claims of the two disputants. William of Greendale (presented by Lady Joan of Willoughby) had been under age at the time of his presentation, and the custody had been committed to Hugh of Willoughby, rector of Newton-le-Wold. When William reached the age of twenty-five, he was ill in London, and the Bishop granted him letters dimissory. Meanwhile, Sir Adam of Well, knight, claiming to be the patron, presented Peter of Chichester to the living of Anderby. When the case was called before the Bishop, Adam and Peter did not appear in spite of repeated citations. The subdean and the archdeacon were therefore appointed to investigate William's claim to receive institution. Given at Nettleham, on the Monday after All Saints' Day, 1298.

(2) A letter empowering the subdean to act alone since the archdeacon was busy. Nettleham. November 10, 1298.

The subdean reports that he investigated the matter and inst. William of Greendale, who received letters patent (given in full). The whole document is dated at Lincoln, February 23, 1299.

Venerabili in Christo patri domino O. dei gracia Lincoln' Episcopo suus humilis et devotus H. subdecanus in ecclesia Lincoln' salutem cum omnimodis obediencia, reverencia pariter et honore debitis tanto patri. Mandata vestra recepi sub tenoribus infrascriptis: — Oliverus permissione divina Lincoln' Episcopus dilectis in Christo filiis¹ Archidiacono Bedef' et¹ Subdecano ecclesie Lincoln' salutem, graciosam et benedictionem. Dilecto in Christo filio magistro Willelmo de Grendale clerico ad parochialem ecclesiam de Anderby dudum de jure et de facto vacantem nobis legitime presentato, ipsius ecclesie et dicti presentati viginti annos etatis vel circiter tunc habentis custodiam quousque eam duceremus alias revocandam sub certa forma Hugoni de Wylugby rectori ecclesie de Waldeneuton' de gracia commisimus speciali. Ceterum de cursis aliquibus annorum curriculis et dicto Magistro Willelmo majore viginti quinque annis effecto, ad suscipiendum ordinem subdiaconatus, et recipiendum canonicam institutionem in ecclesia supradicta sibi diem duximus assignandum. Porro tempore hujusmodi adveniente, et dicto Magistro Willelmo infirmitate ut acceperimus gravi detento, ad ipsius morantis tunc London' instantiam, ut a quocumque Episcopo catholico posset in subdiaconatum ordinari, non obstante quod de nostra diocese oriundus extitit, litteras dimissorias sibi concessimus graciosas, precipue cum nos ipsi proximo tempore ordinum sacrorum a civitate London' multum haberemus distare, tempore itaque succedente, dominus Adam de Welle miles gerens se pro patrono dicte ecclesie quendam Petrum de Cicestr' clericum nobis ad dictam ecclesiam presentavit, unde facta inquisitione prout moris est inventoque per eandem quod dictus Magister Willelmus possessioni dicte ecclesie incumbebat, ad petitionem procuratoris seu nuncii dicti Petri negotium presentationis hujusmodi prosequentis, eundem Magistrum Willelmum ad certum diem coram nobis dicto Petro super premissis de justicia responsurum fecimus evocari, prefato siquidem presentato dicto die coram nobis nullo modo comparente, procurator predicti Magistri Willelmi comparens sufficienter pro eodem, eundem Magistrum Willelmum in subdiaconatum ordinatum ut proposuit, ad dictam ecclesiam admitti et canonicas institui petiit in eadem. Cumque hujusmodi petitionem differremus admittere ea vice, dictum Petrum coram nobis jus si quod se habere putaret, ad ecclesiam predictam pro termino peremptorie prosecuturum, dictumque Magistrum Willelmum ad faciendum et recipiendum

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in hoc negotio secundum ipsius qualitatem et naturam quod congrueret equitati peremptorie facientes citari , denunciante dicto domino Ade quod eodem die compareret coram nobis , si quid rationabile pro se haberet , quare prefatus Magister Willelmus in dicta ecclesia institui non deberet , impositurus et factururus quod esset consonum rationi , neuter eorundem Petri et domini Ade ullatenus comparebat , propter quod prefatus Magister Willelmus ad tunc personaliter comparens se admitti et institui ut premititur a nobis postularit instanter , predicto igitur Magistro Willelmo prehabita super petitione sua predicta disputatione non modica cum paritis , cui etiam pro parte interfuistis vosipsi sine prejudicio juris alieni in hoc canonice justiciam fieri affectantes , ac de vestra discretione et peritia plurimum confidentes , ad faciendum in premissis et ea contingentibus sive admittendo et instituendo , sive exequendo vel statuendo , aut aliter ordinando quod canonicum fuerit vobis vices nostras conjunctim committimus cum coercionis canonice potestate , mandantes quatinus nos de facto vestro in hac parte reddatis in forma debita certiores . Valete . Datum apud Nettelham (*Folio 242*) die Lune proxima post festum Omnium Sanctorum anno domini M.CC. nonagesimo octavo . — Oliverus permissione divina Lincoln' episcopus , dilecto in Christo filio¹ subdecano ecclesie nostre Lincoln' , salutem grariam et benedictionem . Super quibusdam contingentibus statum ecclesie de Anderby nostre diocesis sive persone Magistri Willelmi de Grendale , nobis dudum ad eandem ecclesiam presentati , et quorundam aliorum , quatenus causa seu negotium hujusmodi ipsos contingit , dilecto in Christo filio Archidiacono Bedeford' et vobis conjunctim sub certa forma nuper commisimus vices nostras . Et quia dictus Archidiaconus varie dicitur occupatus , ne examinationi et decisioni dicte cause seu negotii prout res exigit possit aut velit vacare , vobis committimus et mandamus , quatenus non expectata presenciam dicti Archidiaconi prefatam causam seu negotium prefatum secundum formam prioris mandati nostri fine canonico terminetis . Valete . Datum apud Nettelham IIII nonas Novembris anno domini M.CC. nonagesimo octavo . — Quorum igitur vestrorum auctoritate mandatorum , prefato domino Archidiacono collega meo se propter varias occupationes multipliciter excusante , ego subdecanus predictus cum per processum in dicto negotio coram vobis habitum , ipso inspecto pleniter et rimato , constaret evidenter quod non obstante presentatione facta de prefato Petro de Cicestria ad ecclesiam de Anderby supradictam in dicto negotio procedi deberet sicut de jure foret procedendum , servato juris ordine decretum fuisse prout in eodem processu plenius continetur , sicque omnibus rite paratis superesse dumtaxat predicto Magistro Willelmo instanti , et se admitti ad dictam ecclesiam cum effectu , et in eadem canonice institui cum instantia

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postulanti , justiciam exhibere , advertens quod idem Magister Willelmus ad prefatam ecclesiam legitime presentatus occasione presentationis hujusmodi de ipso facto in possessione dicte ecclesie cum suis juribus et obventionibus universis diutius existens , ad titulum ejusdem fuit in subdiaconatum ordinatus , perpendens etiam nullum impedimentum canonicum eidem obstare aliquo modo in hac parte , ipsum ad dictam ecclesiam de Anderby mediante justicia admisi cum effectu , ac canonice prout moris est vice et auctoritate vestra institui in eadem . Que omnia vestre paternitati reverende significo per presentes . Valeat paternitas vestra in Christo Jesu per tempora diuturna . Datum Lincoln' VII kalendas Martii anno domini supradicto . — Dictus autem Magister Willelmus exhibuit quamdam litteram de institutione sua patentem sub hac forma : — H. subdecanus ecclesie Lincoln' venerabilis patris domini O. dei gracia Lincoln' Episcopo commissarius , Magistro Willelmo de Grendale subdiacono Lincoln' diocesis salutem in domino . Ad ecclesiam de Anderby dicte diocesis ad quam per dominam Johannam de Wylugby ejusdem ecclesie patronam dicto patri fuisti presentatus , auctoritate ejusdem patris nobis in hac parte commissa , justicia exigente te admittimus et rectorem canonice instituimus in eadem . Salvis in omnibus Episcopalibus consuetudinibus et Lincoln' ecclesie dignitate . In cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostrum presentibus est appensum . Datum in majori ecclesia Lincoln' octavo idus Novembris anno domini M.CC. nonagesimo octavo.

BUCKNALL (Bukenhale). R. Thomas of Swavesey (Sweyveseya), clerk in minor orders, p. by the prioress¹ and convent of Stixwold to the church of Bucknall vacant because William of Rasen had been inst. to the living of West Rasen. Thomas was ordained subd. by the Bishop of Exeter (letters dimissory). Inst., in the person of Matthew of Heathcote (Hethcote) his proctor, Buckden, April 18, 1299.

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QUARTODECIMO KALENDAS JUNII VIDELICET DIE SANCTI DUNSTANI ANNO DOMINI M.CC. NONAGESIMO NONO INCIPIT ANNUS PONTIFICATUS DOMINI OLIVERI EPISCOPI LINCOLN' VICESIMUS.

WEST BARKWITH (Westbarkwth'). R. Thomas of Heslerton (Haslarton'), d., p. by Sir Roger of Tyringham (Tiringham), knight, to the church of West Barkwith, vacant by the institution of John of Heslerton to the living of Emberton and the resignation

¹ 'Prior' in the text.

of Adam of Tyringham who was the first to be presented. Inst., Buckden, May 26, 1299.

FLEET (Flet). R. Richard Le Medlers, ch., p. by the P. and C. of Castleacre to the church of Fleet vacant by the death of Master Henry Sampson and the res. of William of Wick (Wychie) who was the first to be presented. Inst., Buckden, May 28, 1299.

FOTHERBY (Foterby). V. William of Southwell (Suthwell'), ch., p. by the P. and C. of Ormsby to the vicarage of Fotherby vacant by the death of William. Inst., Buckden, June 12, 1299.

STAMFORD S. MICHAEL IN CORNSTALL (Sancti Mathei¹ in Cornstall'). R. Robert called Hornot of Stamford, clerk in minor orders, p. by Master John Le Flemeng, proctor-general in England of the P. and C. of S. Fromund's, to the church of S. Michael in Cornstall vacant by the death of Simon. Ordained subd. at Huntingdon, June 13, 1299, and inst., Buckden, June 14, 1299.

CALCETHORPE (Kaylesthorp'). R. Master Roger Brislaunce, clerk in minor orders, p. by the King to the church of Calcethorpe vacant by the institution of Richard of Stamford (Staunford') to the church of Fiskerton. Ordained subd. at Huntingdon, June 13,² 1299, and inst., Buckden, June 14, 1299.

WALMSGATE (Walmesgare). R. Geoffrey of Cokerington (Cokerington'), clerk in minor orders, p. by the prior of Burwell to the church of Walmsgate vacant by the death of Eudo. Ordained subd. at Huntingdon, June 13, 1299, and inst., Buckden, June 14, 1299.

KIRKBY LAYTHORPE Mediety (Kirkeby). R. Walter of Wiltshire, clerk in minor orders, p. by Sir Thomas of Moulton (Multon') of Frampton (Fraunton'), knight, to the mediety of the church of Kirkby Laythorpe, vacant because William of Fockerby (Folcardeby) had received other preferment. Ordained subd. at Huntingdon, June 13,² 1299, and inst., Buckden, June 14, 1299.

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DUNSBY-BY-BRAUNCEWELL (Dunnesby). R. John Berne of Lincoln, ch., p. by the P. and C. of Catley to the church of Dunsby-by-Brauncewell vacant by the death of Stephen of Pointon (Poynton'). Inst., Liddington, July 5, 1299.

¹ *Sic.* The ascription to S. Matthew is incorrect, the church was dedicated to S. Michael. See the entry on p. 16.

² Date incorrectly given as July 15.

BUCKNALL (Bokenhale). R. Walter of Maidstone (Maydenston'), ch., p. by the Prioress and Convent of Stixwoud to the church of Bucknall vacant by the institution of Thomas of Swavesey (Swayveshaye) to the living of Barton (Barton Havred'). Inst., Liddington, July 10, 1299.

TEALBY (Tevelby). V. Master John of Harpswell (Herpeswell'), clerk in minor orders (later ordained subd. and d.), p. by the P. and C. of Sixhills to the vicarage of Tealby, vacant because John Berne of Lincoln had been inst. to the church of Dunsby-Brauncewell. Inst., Nettleham, September 20, 1299.

STANTON-LE-VALE (Staynton' super Waldam). R. Master William of Bilsby (Billesby), clerk in minor orders (later ordained subd.), p. by Sir Richard of Buslingthorpe (Buslingthorp'), knight, to the church of Stanton-Le-Vale vacant because William of Acre had been inst. to the living of Corby. Inst., Nettleham, September 20, 1299.

LAVINGTON (Lavinton'). William of Alford, ch., p. by Ralph of Driby to the chantry of the chapel of S. Mary at Lavington, vacant by the death of Thomas. Inst., Stow Park, September 25, 1299. Note that the provision for the said chantry included arable, pasture and common land in the vill of Lavington, estimated at sixty shillings.

GEDNEY (Gedeney). R. Memorandum concerning the institution of a rector to the church of Gedney. When the living fell vacant by the death of John de Curiato, the abbot and convent of Crowland presented John Pykard, priest. The presentation was disputed by Sir Robert de Ros, knight, and Erneburga his wife, Sir Robert Le Burgilun, knight, Robert son of Simon Constable, and Sir Eustace de La Hacche, knight, who presented other candidates, Eustace in right of his custody of the lands and heir of Peter (otherwise called Ralph) of Goxhill. The case went to the King's court and a writ following an assize of darrein presentment, dated October 9, 1299, and given in full, directed the Bishop to accept the candidate of Robert de Ros and Erneburga. John Pykard, who had brought the writ, then appeared before the Bishop bearing letters in which Robert de Ros revoked his presentation of William Constable in favour of the said John Pykard. William Constable also sent letters of resignation. John Pykard, having renounced all other benefices with cure of souls, was therefore inst. at Stow Park, October 11, 1299.

Vacante ecclesia de Gedeneye per mortem Johannis de Curiato ultimi Rectoris ejusdem . . .¹ Abbas et Conventus Croyland'

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Johannem Pykard' presbiterum , et dominus Robertus de Ros miles , dominus Robertus Le Burgilun miles et dominus Eustachius de la Hacche miles ratione custodie terrarum et tenementorum que fuerunt quondam domini Petri de Gousel militis in manu ejusdem domini Eustachii existentium alios clericos ad dictam ecclesiam Episcopo presentarunt . Ad quas quidem presentationes factis inquisitionibus per . . . ¹ Officiale W. Archidiaconi Lincoln' per quas , etc , litigatoque aliquamdiu in Curia domini Regis inter hujusmodi presentantes , tandem dictus Johannes Pykard' exhibuit Episcopo breve regium sub hac forma : — Edwardus dei gracia Rex Anglie Dominus Hibernie et Dux Aquitanie venerabili in Christo patri O. eadem gracia Episcopo Lincoln' salutem . Sciatis quod Robertus de Ros et Erneburga uxor ejus in Curia nostra coram justiciariis nostris apud Ebor' per considerationem ejusdem Curie nostre recuperaverunt presentationem suam versus Abbatem de Croyland' , Robertum de Burguylun , Robertum filium Simonis le Constable et Eustachium de Hacche custodem terre et heredis Radulphi de Gousele ad ecclesiam de Gedeneye que vacat ut dicitur . Et ideo vobis mandamus , quod non obstante reclamatione predictorum Abbatis , Roberti de Burguylun , Roberti filii Simonis et Eustachii , ad presentationem predictorum Roberti de Ros et Erneburge ad predictam ecclesiam idoneam personam admittatis . Teste J. de Metingham' apud Ebor' IX die Octobris anno regni nostri vicesimo septimo . — Exhibuit etiam dictus Johannes litteram dicti domini Roberti de Ros militis per quam eundem johannem ad dictam ecclesiam de Gedeneye presentavit et presentationem per ipsum prius factam de magistro Willelmo le Constable ad dictam ecclesiam de Gedeneye revocavit . Exhibuit etiam litteram dicti Magistri Willelmi per quam renunciavit juri si quod sibi per presentationem predictam fuerat adquisitum . Quibus visis et plenius intellectis prefato Johanne Pykard' renunciente omnibus beneficiis que prius tenuerat cum cura , nulla inquisitione premissa propter inquisitiones que precesserant ad presentationes alias supradictas , idem Johannes ad dictam ecclesiam est admissus , V. idus Octobris anno vicesimo apud Parcum Stowe et Rector canonice institutus in eadem . Jurataque Episcopo canonica obediencia in forma consueta , Scriptum est dicto Officiali quod , etc.

STICKNEY (Stikeneye). R. Master William of Healing (Helegeye), ch., p. by the P. and C. of Spalding to the church of Stickney vacant by the death of Elisey. Inst., Sixhills, October 16, 1299.

SOUTH ELKINGTON (Suthelkington'). William of Cadeby (Cateby), ch., p. by the P. and C. of Ormsby to the vicarage of South Elkington vacant by the death of William of Tansor (Tanneshovere) Inst., Sixhills, October 16, 1299.

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Baldock
Berkampstead

Colney
Hertford
Royston

St. Alban's
Ware
Watford

HUNTINGDONSHIRE

Alconbury
Brampton
Buckden
Gidding
Godmanchester

Grafham
Hamerton
Huntingdon
Potton
Ramsey
Ripton

S. Neot's
Sawtry
Spaldwick
Stibbington
Yaxley

KENT

Bircholt
Canterbury
Chartham
Cliffe
Cray, S. Mary
Ellington

Elmstone
Faversham
Goddington
Howfield
Keston
Maidstone

Newenden
Newington
Northfleet
Rochester
S. Radegunde's, Dover

LANCASHIRE

Colton

Winwick

LEICESTERSHIRE

Ab Kettleby
Aylestone
Beeby
Belgrave
Belvoir
Billesdon

Bitteswell
Burton Lazars
Cottesbach
Cranoe
Garendon
Harby

Hinckley
Kibworth
Kilworth
Leesthorpe
Leicester
Lutterworth

Medbourne
Melton Mowbray
Misterton
Noseley
Owston

Prestwold
Seagrave
Shackerstone
Sibley
Skeffington

Stathern
Sutton, Long
Thrusington
Thurnby
Tonge

LINCOLNSHIRE

Aby
Alford
Algarkirk
Allington
Alvingham
Ancaster
Anderby
Asfordby
Asgarby-by-Sleaford
Asgarby-by-Spilsby
Ashby-de-la-Launde
Ashby-by-Partney
Ashby Puerorum
Aslackby
Asterby
Aswarby
Aswardby
Aunsby
Authorpe
Bardney
Barholm
Barkston
Barkwith, East
Barkwith, West
Barnethby
Barnoldby
Barrow-on-Humber
Barrowby
Barton-on-Humber
Bassingham
Baston
Baumber
Beelsby
Beesby
Beesby-in-the-Marsh
Belchford
Belton-by-Grantham
Benington [in Holland]
Benniworth
Bigby
Billingborough
Billinghay
Bilsby
Binbrook
Birthorpe
Biscathorpe
Bitchfield
Blankney
Bleasby
Bloxholm
Blyborough
Bolingbroke
Bonby
Boothby
Boston

Bottesford
Boultham
Bourne
Braceborough
Bracebridge
Brackenborough
Bradley
Branston
Bratoft
Brigsley
Brinkhill
Bruer, Temple
Buckland
Bucknall
Bullington
Burgh-le-Marsh
Burgh-on-Bain
Burreth [now Topholme]
Burton Coggles
Burton, Gate
Burton Pedwardine
Burwell
Buslingthorpe
Butterwick
Bytham, Castle
Bytham, Little
Cabourn
Cadeby, South
Cadney
Caistor
Calceby
Calcethorpe
Calkwell
Candlesby
Canwick
Careby
Carby
Carlton, Castle
Carlton, Great
Catley
Cawthorpe, Little
Caythorpe
Claxby-by-Normanby
Claxby Pluckaere
Claypole
Claythorpe
Cleatham [in Manton]
Clee
Clixby
Coates, Great
Coates, Little
Cockerington
Colsterworth
Coningsby
Conisholme

Corby
Counthorpe [in Castle
Bytham]
Covenham
Creeton
Crowland
Croxby
Croxtan
Cumberworth
Cuxwold
Dalby
Dalderby
Deeping, Market
Deeping, West
Demblesby
Denton
Dexthorpe
Digby
Donington [near Spalding]
Dowsby
Driby
Dunsby-by-Bourne
Dunsby-by-Braunecwell
Dunsthorpe
Dunston
Eagle
Edenham
Edlington
Elkington, South
Elsham
Enderby, Mavis
Eresby
Evedon
Ewerby
Farforth
Farlesthorpe
Ferriby, South
Fillingham
Firsby
Flixborough
Folkingham
Fordington
Fotherby
Frampton
Frieston [near Boston]
Friskney
Fulbeck
Fulleby
Fulstow
Gautby
Gayton-le-Marsh
Gedney
Gelston [in Hough-on-
the-Hill]
Girsby
Gosberton

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| Goulceby | Ingoldmells | Newhouse |
| Goxhill | Ingoldsby | Newstead-on-Ancholme |
| Graby | Irby-in-the-Marsh | Newstead-by-Stamford |
| Grainsby | Keal, East | Newton-in-Aveland |
| Grainsthorpe | Keal, West | Newton-le-Wold |
| Grantham | Keddington | Newton-by-Toft |
| Grasby | Keelby | Nocton |
| Greatford | Kelsey, North | Nocton Park |
| Greenfield | Kelsey, South | Normanby-le-Wold |
| Greetham | Kelstern | Normanton |
| Greton | Killingholme | Norton Disney |
| Grimoldby | Kingerby | Nun Coton |
| Grimsby | Kirkby, East | Orby |
| Gunby S. Peter | Kirkby Green | Ormesby, North |
| Gunness | Kirkby Laythorpe | Ormesby, South |
| Habrough | Kirkby-cum-Osgodby | Osbournby |
| Haceby | Kirkstead | Osgodby |
| Hackthorn | Kirmington | Owersby |
| Haconby | Kirmond-le-Mire | Owmby |
| Hagnaby | Kirton [near Boston] | Oxcombe |
| Hagworthingham | Kyme | Panton |
| Hainton | Langtoft | Partney |
| Hale | Langton-by-Horncastle | Pickworth |
| Halham-on-Bain | Langton-by-Partney | Pointon |
| Halton, East | Langton-by-Wragby | Ponton, Little |
| Halton Holgate | Langworth | Quadring |
| Hameringham | Laughton | Quarrington |
| Hanworth, Cold | Launde, la [in Castle | Raithby-by-Louth |
| Hanworth, Potter | Lavington Bytham] | Raithby-by-Spilsby |
| Hareby | Leadenham | Ranby |
| Harlaxton | Leake | Rand |
| Harpwell | Leasingham | Rasen, Market |
| Harrington | Legbourne | Rasen, Middle Drax |
| Hatcliffe | Legsby | Rasen, West |
| Hatfield | Leverton | Rauceby |
| Hatton | Limber, Great | Ravendale |
| Haugh | Lincoln | Redbourn |
| Haugham | Lindsey | Reston, South |
| Haverholme | Linwood | Revesby |
| Hawerby | Lissington | Riby |
| Healing | Louth | Rigsby |
| Heckington | Ludborough | Rippingale |
| Helpringham | Ludford Magna | Ropsley |
| Hemingby | Ludford Parva | Rothwell |
| Hemswell | Lusby | Roughton |
| Holbeach | Mablethorpe | Ruskington |
| Holland | Maidenwell | Saleby |
| Holme | Maltby | Salmonby |
| Holton-le-Clay | Manby | Saltfleetby |
| Holywell | Manthorpe | Sapperton |
| Honington | Mareham-le-Fen | Sausthorpe |
| Horbling | Markby | Scarle, North |
| Horkstow | Martin-by-Horncastle | Scartho |
| Horncastle | Marton | Scopwick |
| Hough | Mere | Scrafield |
| Hougham | Metheringham | Scredington |
| Howell | Miningsby | Scremby |
| Humberstone | Minting | Scrivelsby |
| Humby [in Somerby-by-Grantham] | Moorby | Searby |
| Hundleby | Morton-by-Bourne | Sedgebrook |
| Huttoft | Mumby | Sempringham |
| Hykeham, South | Navenby | Silkby |
| Immingham | Nettleham | Sixhills |
| Ingham | Nettleton | Skegness |

Skellingthorpe	Swaton	Waddingham
Skendleby	Swayfield	Waddington
Skidbrooke	Swinderby	Waddingworth
Skillington	Swineshead	Wainfleet
Skinnand	Swinstead	Walesby
Skirbeck	Tallington	Walmsgate
Sleaford	Tathwell	Washingborough
Snarford	Tattershall	Welbourn
Snitterby	Tealby	Welby
Somerby-by-Grantham	Tetford	Well
Somercotes, North	Tetney	Wellingore
Somercotes, South	Theddlethorpe All Saints	Wellow [near Grimsby]
Somerton	Theddlethorpe S. Helen	Westborough
Sotby	Thimbleby	Weston
Spalding	Thoresby, North	Whaplode
Spridlington	Thoresby, South	Whisby
Stainby	Thorganby	Wilksby
Stainfield	Thornholm	Willingham, Cherry
Stainsby	Thornton	Willingham, South
Stainton-by-Langworth	Thornton Curtis	Willoughby-in-the-Marsh
Stainton-le-Vale	Thornton-by-Horncastle	Willoughby, Scot
Stainton, Market	Thornton-le-Moor	Willoughby, Silk
Stallingborough	Thorpe [near Rothwell]	Willoughton
Stamford	Thorpe-le-Vale	Wilsford
Stapleford	Thorpe-on-the-Hill	Winceby
Steeping, Great	Thorpe S. Peter	Winteringham
Steeping, Little	Threckingham	Winthorpe
Stenigot	Thurlby	Wispington
Stickford	Timberland	Witham-on-the-Hill
Stickney	Toft [near Bourne]	Witham, South
Stixwold	Toft [next Newton]	Withcall
Stow	Torksey	Woodhall
Strubby	Torrington, East	Woolsthorpe
Stubton	Torrington, West	Wootton
Sudbrooke	Tothill	Worlaby
Surfleet	Toynton, High	Wragby
Sutterby	Toynton, Low	Wyberton
Sutterton	Toynton S. Peter	Wyham
Sutton-le-Marsh	Tupholme	Wykeham, East
Swaby	Tydd	Wykeham, West
Swallow	Uffington	Wyville
Swarby	Ulceby	Yarborough

MIDDLESEX

Enfield	Stepney
London	Westminster

NORFOLK

? Barney	Kenninghall	Redenhall
Buckenham	Lynn, Bishop's [now King's]	Ridlington
Castleacre	Mileham	Rockland
Cressingham	Necton	Shouldham
Foulden	Norwich	Stiffkey
Hevingham	Pickenham	Wighton

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

Apethorpe	Barnack	Brampton, Church
Appletree	Brackley	Catesby

Desborough
Easton-on-the-Hill
Farthinghoe
Geddington
Glinton
Harpole
Helmdon
Helpston
Kilsby
Lilbourne
Maidford

Markham
Nassington
Northampton
Northborough
Oundle
Peakirk
Peterborough
Pilsgate
Polebrook
Slipton

Stoke Albany
Stoke-by-Oundle
Tansor
Thornhaugh
Titchmarsh
Wakerley
Walgrave
Weldon
Wilbarston
Yarwell

NORTHUMBERLAND

Brunton
Chatton

Easington
Killingworth

Nafferton

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

Bevercotes
Bingham
Edwalton
Fiskerton
Fledborough
Kelham

Laxton
Muskham
Newark
Retford
Rolleston

Shelford
Sibthorpe
Southwell
Thurgarton
Warsop

OXFORDSHIRE

Banbury
Caversham
Clattercott
Cuddesdon
Dorchester

Eynsham
Godstow
Goring
Kidlington
Kingham
Milton, Great

Norton, Cold
Oxford
Stoke, South
Thame
Wroxton

RUTLAND

Empingham
Ketton
Liddington

Lyndon
Ryhall
Thistleton

Tinwell
Uppingham

SHROPSHIRE

Cainham

Ellerton

Shrewsbury

SOMERSET

Bath

Camel

Merriott

STAFFORDSHIRE

Burton-on-Trent
Croxdon

Lichfield
Quixhill

Trentham
Whitmore

SUFFOLK

Bedingfield
Brundish
Chippenhall
Dunwich
Eye
Freckenham

Gislingham
Haverhill
Horham
Huntingfield
Kettlebaston
Palgrave

Saxstead
Stoke-by-Nayland
Wenham
Wetherden
Yarmouth

SURREY

Dorking

Peper Harrow

SUSSEX

Atherington
Chichester

? Cowdray
Lewes

Southover

WARWICKSHIRE

Coventry

Warwick

Wishaw

WESTMORLAND

Barton

Kaber

WILTSHIRE

Farley
Landford

Potterne
Ramsbury

Salisbury
Warminster

WORCESTERSHIRE

Bromsgrove

Evesham

YORKSHIRE

Adwick
Appleton
Beverley
Binnington
Bridlington
Cave
Cowton
Doncaster
Drax
East Riding
Ellerker
Eston
Filey

Fockerby
Goldsborough
Grace Dieu
Grinton
Guiseley
Habton
Harmby
Heslerton
Husthwaite
Ingmanthorpe
Kellington
Leconfield
Lowthorpe

Malton
Markingfield
Ottringham
Ribston
Richmond
Scarborough
Selby
Tankersley
Wakefield
Warmsworth
Watton
York

IRELAND

Emly

Kilkenny

WALES

Llandaff

S. David's

FRANCE

Angers [Maine et Loire]
 Aunay [Calvados]
 Bayeux [Calvados]
 Beauport [Côtes-du-Nord]
 Bec [Eure]
 Bonneville [Haute-Loire]
 Boulogne [Pas-de-Calais]
 Brittany
 Cherbourg [Manche]
 Fleury [Loiret]
 Le Mans, diocese of

Lillebonne [Seine Inférieure]
 Lyons [Rhône]
 Montigny [Nord]
 Paris
 S. Carileph [Sarthe]
 S. Fromund [Manche]
 S. Severin [Charente Inférieure]
 Sauve Majeure, la [Gironde]
 Sées [Orne]
 Tours [Indre et Loire]
 Vienne [Haute Vienne]

GERMANY

Treves

ITALY

Orvieto
 Parma
 Rome

S. Laurence in Lutina
 S. Sabina
 Sant' Angelo

Tivoli
 Viterbo

SWITZERLAND

Lausanne

UNIDENTIFIED

Alton
 Aston
 Barlingmuth'
 Bisenturia
 Bisham
 Caldbeck
 ? Cathflet
 Coddington
 Cotum
 Creklawe
 Croketon'
 Cubeldik'
 Farnham
 Giphthorp'

Godewynston'
 Gurmville
 Hengham
 Hungate
 Kirkecot'
 Knosale
 Leilthorpe
 Littleholm'
 Methingham
 Middleton
 Ness
 Ringdon
 Roby
 Rye

Scalby
 Schaddeworth
 Scheyle
 Sprotton
 Stane
 ? Stannington
 Stonal
 Stutfield
 Threckestone
 Toothby
 Wavere
 Wegeland'
 Weland'

The following place-names, common to several localities, are used as surnames :—

Aere
 Alveley
 Apeton
 Appleby
 Barham
 Beaulieu
 Besthorpe
 Birley

Boyton
 Burnham
 Bury
 Clifford
 Clifton
 Clipston
 Clopton
 Compton

Dalton
 Dinsdale
 Dinton
 Ditton
 Drayton
 Dunham
 Fenton
 Foston

Foxley
Gravesend
Haddon
Hagley
Hallam
Hampton
Hargrave
Harton
Harwood
Hinton
Holcot
Holton
Holwell
Hornby
Horton
Horwood

Houghton
Howden
Hulme
Leighton
Morley
Moulton
Needham
Newbold
Newcastle
Oakley
Overton
Penn
Preston
Shelton
Sherburn

Stanton
Stapleton
Stockton
Stratton
Stretton
Sutton
Tangley
Walcote
Walsham
Walton
Weedon
Wells
Welton
Wheatley
Whitchurch

